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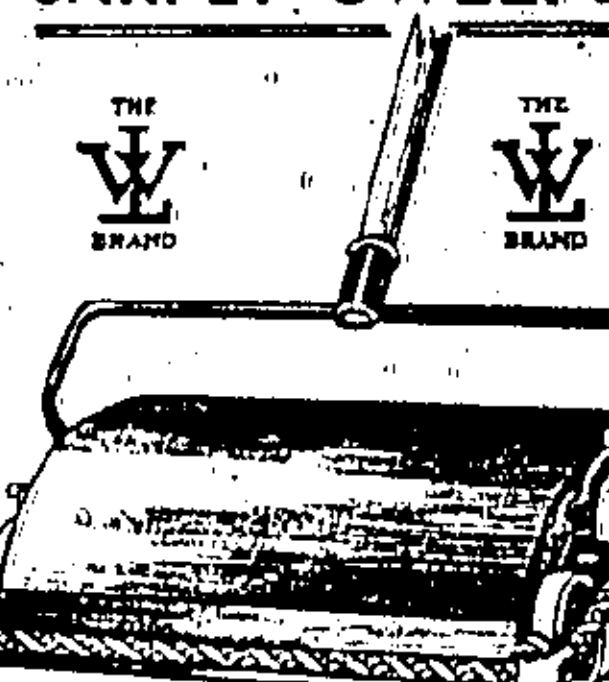
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SAVING FACE.

Possible Solution of Hankow Deadlock.

IMPORTANT SUGGESTION.

British Forces to Stop at Hong Kong.

TO-DAY'S CABINET MEETING.

Entire Problem To Be Reviewed In New Light.

A possible face-saving solution of the Hankow deadlock is made in an important suggestion that the British forces now on the way to Shanghai should go no further than Hong Kong.

The whole situation arising out of the entirely new turn as a result of the sudden change in Mr. Eugene Chen's attitude is being discussed by the British Cabinet at a special meeting to-day.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION?

Forces to Stop At Hong Kong.

Hankow, Feb. 3.

Hankow is outwardly calm in spite of the abrupt termination of the negotiations on which all hopes of an amicable settlement had been pinned for three weeks.

Mr. Eugene Chen's declaration is regarded as a confession of failure to win over the extremists to the moderate view.

While it is recognised that Britain is scarcely likely to withdraw from the position taken up with regard to the despatch of troops, a possible solution of the present deadlock is seen in the suggestion which is finding favour in many quarters that the expedition will proceed no further than Hong Kong.

This, it is pointed out, would save face all round without endangering the British position at Shanghai, and at the same time give Mr. Chen and the moderates a chance to make a final bid for reasonableness on the part of the hitherto uncompromising section in the Kuomintang.

It is also felt that Britain's case would be made clearer and stronger if the text of the draft agreement were published.—Reuter.

CABINET TO MEET.

New Position To Be Fully Discussed.

London, Feb. 3.

The whole situation arising out of the new turn in the conversations at Hankow will be discussed at a special Cabinet meeting to-morrow.—Reuter.

Entirely New Turn.

London, Feb. 3.

It is learned authoritatively in London that reports have now been received from Mr. O'Malley regarding the latest stage in the conversations with Mr. Eugene Chen. Fresh instructions will probably be sent to Hankow to-day.

It is declared that the conversations will obviously take an entirely new turn as a result of the sudden change in Mr. Chen's attitude.

The real question at the moment is the immediate threat to Shanghai, the most important consideration being how to fill the gap in the arrangements for the defence of life in the case of necessity.

No reply has yet been sent to the Note from the Peking Government.—Reuter.

First Hand Reports.

Rugby, Feb. 3.

The Chinese situation continues to engage the closest attention of the Government.

The Cabinet meeting has been postponed until to-morrow when the position created by Mr. Eugene Chen's refusal to sign the draft agreement regarding the status of the Concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang will be fully reviewed.

The Cabinet will have before it the comments of the British representatives in China, as well as the statement in which Mr. Chen, in announcing the suspension of the negotiations, stated that it was not, and never had been, within the contemplation of the Nationalist Government to occupy the International Settlement at Shanghai by force.

Meanwhile reports of new decisions and developments must be discounted.—British Wireless Service.

RUSSIAN INFLUENCE.

Cabinet Ministers' Pointed Allusions.

London, Feb. 3.

The Cabinet Committee established to deal with the Chinese situation is believed to include the Premier, Sir Austen Chamberlain and Lord Balfour.

It is noteworthy that two Cabinet Ministers yesterday evening dealing with China dwelt on Russian influence in the Anglo-Chinese negotiations.

Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for Dominions, in a speech at Willenhall, declared that the British terms would never be rejected by any Chinese Government that was thinking only of Chinese rights, or even of Chinese sentiments. If they were rejected, it could only have been through the influence of other forces behind the Chinese Government—forces concerned not with Chinese welfare but with a world revolution and the destruction of the British Empire.

The British Government was not going to be deterred from pursuing a patient and conciliatory policy and doing our imperative duty to our fellow citizens in China.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Walter Ridsdall, in a speech at Ellesmere, declared: "It is clear that the influence which is causing all the difficulty between Britain and China is not so much Chinese as Russian. We must exercise as great as possible patience in resisting that influence."

He at least did not despair of our arriving at some reasonable arrangement for the revision of the treaties, but nobody should wish us to risk the lives of our fellow subjects by hurrying into negotiations without securing that their safety was thoroughly assured.—Reuter.

LABOUR REVIEWS.

A Meeting With Cabinet Ministers.

London, Feb. 3.

A meeting of the National Joint Council, representing the General Council of the Trade Union Congress, the National Executive of the Labour Party and the Parliamentary Labour Party was held in London this morning to consider Mr. Eugene Chen's telegram.

Subsequently the Foreign Secretary, accompanied by the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, received a small deputation from the Council consisting of Mr. George Hicks, Mr. Walter Clitmore and Mr. George Lansbury, whom Mr. Ramsay MacDonald introduced.

Afterwards the National Joint Council met again, and after a short discussion, adjourned until to-morrow.—Reuter.

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Rumours of a Hankow Demonstration.

The following naval wireless messages from the North have been received by the Hong Kong naval authorities:

Troop movements down-river from Ichang from Szechuan and French and Japanese steamers continue.

Eighty-six missionaries are now at Ichang from Szechuan and 56 more are on their way down. Seventy-five are leaving Chin-kiang to-morrow.

NEW LAWS.

Forecast of Coming Legislation.

BRITISH FILMS MEASURE.

Rugby, Feb. 3.

To-morrow's Cabinet meeting will, besides considering the situation in China, finally decide what measures of legislation will be included in the King's Speech at the opening of Parliament next Tuesday.

It is understood that a Bill dealing with the position of the Trade Unions is certain to be introduced in the coming session, though its actual details have still to be decided.

Among other measures which are virtually certain to be presented to Parliament are a Bill to amend the King's title in accordance with the decisions taken at the Imperial Conference, and a Bill dealing with British cinema films.

The chief object of the latter will be to ensure the exhibition of an adequate proportion of British films at cinema theatres, which will accordingly be required to show a certain minimum of British films fixed by the Bill.

Such a measure will necessarily be somewhat elaborate. It will

CHANG KAI-SHEK ILL.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.
Chang Kai-shek is at present in hospital at Kuling suffering from dysentery.—Reuter.

be necessary, for instance, to give the Board of Trade the power of demanding from picture theatres periodical returns of films exhibited and of issuing some form of certificate for films which are held to answer to the official description of "British."—British Wireless Service.

A message from Hankow states that there are rumours of demonstrations to-morrow afternoon against the Asiatic Petroleum Company following a collision between the s.s. "Fukwang" and a native ferry.

SPECIAL PRAYERS.

Church Leaders' Appeal.

London, Feb. 3.

"In view of the present anxieties and perils in the Far East," the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the President of the National Council of Evangelical Free Churches urge all clergy and ministers to make a special intercession on Feb. 6 for a "peaceful, honourable and permanent settlement" of the existing Anglo-Chinese differences.—Reuter.

FRANCE'S ATTITUDE.

Foreign Minister's Hope.

Paris, Feb. 3.

Addressing the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate, M. Briand said that in the Far East the French Government was dominated by a care not to impair the integrity of China.

It was ready when the time came to facilitate for China access to independence and the possession of the liberties enjoyed by the most modest national organisations.

M. Briand hoped that the Chinese authorities in the regions controlled by them would take all necessary steps to protect lives and property.—Reuter.

MORE CRUISERS.

To Await Orders.

Panama, Feb. 3.

The cruiser "Raleigh" is joining the "Richmond," "Cincinnati," and "Marblehead" and is sailing for Honolulu to-day to await orders, possibly to proceed to China.—Reuter's American Service.

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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 18/16.

LIBEL SUIT.

Gladstone's Good Name Cleared.

WRIGHT "A FOUL FELLOW."

London, Feb. 3.

The jury, after an absence of two and a half hours, returned a verdict in favour of Lord Gladstone with costs.

The jury added a rider that the high moral character of Mr. W. E. Gladstone had been completely vindicated.

During six hours in the witness box, the septuagenarian Lord Gladstone feelingly denied Captain Peter Wright's suggestions of his father's immorality. He said he still thought Wright was a "foul fellow" and did not withdraw the charges. He denied that he was actuated by malice against Wright. He felt sorry for Wright.

Other witnesses for the defence who testified to Mr. Gladstone's high character included Lord Phillimore, Lord H. N. Gladstone and Lady Gwen-dolen Cecil, the last-mentioned declaring her father, Lord Salisbury, had the highest respect for Mr. Gladstone.

Mr. Justice Avory only put two questions to the jury, namely whether the alleged libel was true, and if not whether the defendant was actuated by malice.

"NEW YEAR VISIT"

AN EXCUSE THAT WOULDN'T WASH.

GAMING RAID SEQUEL.

A gambling raid upon the ground floor of No. 54 Queen's Road East, the front part of which is a watchmaker's shop whilst the rear portion is sub-let to a Chinese hair-dresser formed the subject of a case heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when two men, charged with keeping a common gaming house failed to appear when their names were called, his Worship ordering their bail—\$75 each—to be estreated. Of fifteen men charged with gambling on the premises, only five put in an appearance, the ten forfeiting their bail of \$5 each.

In reply to his Worship, the first man in Court said that he was paying a New Year's visit to the proprietor of the watch-maker's shop.

"Oh, I see. But that won't wash. You were found in the barber's shop where the gambling was taking place," Mr. Lindsell dealt with the other four men in Court, imposing a fine of \$3 in each case.

Det. Sgt. Rozesky informed his Worship that the two men arrested on the major charge had just arrived.

In reply to the Magistrate the two men stated that they had been endeavouring to engage a solicitor.

"That's no excuse for not being here at the right time yourselves," reported his Worship. Bail was estreated as stated.

JAPAN BANKS.

DEPOSIT INTEREST TO BE LOWERED.

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

The general banks of Tokyo and Yokohama have decided to lower the deposit interest half a sen from Feb. 9. The Bank of Japan is expected to take similar action.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast is as follows:—N. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

At 11.50 a.m. the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has decreased moderately from 3. Manchuria to N.E. China and the Loochoos and slightly over Formosa and the Philippines. It has increased slightly over the Yangtze Valley. Meteorological observations at 6 o'clock this morning: barometer 30.03/temperature 61; humidity 87; weather blue skies.

DUE AT 3 P.M.

"Belgenland" Tourist Ship.

A FOUR DAYS STAY.

The s.s. "Belgenland," with 250 world tourists aboard, is due to arrive here at 3 p.m. to-day.

Owing to the heavy draught of the ship, it is impossible for her to go alongside, and she will go to A. 4 buoy in midstream.

A Butterfield and Swire launch will be leaving for the ship at 2.30 p.m. from Murray pier.

To-day will be a free day for the tourists.

The New Territories will be visited by car to-morrow and the Peak and Repulse Bay on Sunday.

A trip to Macao has been arranged for Monday.

Ninth Largest Liner.

The s.s. "Belgenland," which was here last tourist season, is the world's ninth largest liner and is the largest steamer to have entered Hong Kong harbour. It is also the largest to have crossed the Pacific and completed the circuit of the globe.

The "Belgenland" is a Red Star liner and the American Express Company are co-operating in the arrangements for the tour at the various ports of call.

Over four days' sight-seeing are afforded the tourists in Hong Kong owing to the omission of Shanghai from the schedule.

"Belgenland" leaves at 5 p.m. on Tuesday. The ship is an oil burner of 597 feet in length and 78 feet in breadth, and is engaged in the summer trans-Atlantic travel between New York and Europe.

She is an international ship in the broadest sense. Designed and built at Belfast (completed in 1923) the "Belgenland" is owned by American stockholders of the International Mercantile Marine Company with headquarters in New York, and is operated by the Red Star Line, the principal steamship organization operating between the United States and Belgium. She flies the British flag, but her home port is Antwerp, and she is managed from New York.

Ship's Personnel.

The "Belgenland's" commander, Captain Thos. Howell, formerly of the Cunard Line, is English and her officers are chiefly English; her stewards and chefs are English or Belgian. She carries a total crew of 601 persons, of whom 40 are women, including stewardesses, hairdressers, nurses, maids and laundresses. Two surgeons and a dentist, a physical director, in charge of the gymnasium, a cruise director and his staff of 15, a master of ceremonies, an educational director and lecturer, two pursers, two bandmasters, an editor for the ship's paper, three printers and a minister of the gospel are also included in the ship's personnel. The kitchen and dining room staff total 325 men.

In deck and interior facilities, no expense has been spared to provide the tourists with the maximum of comfort. The 850 tourists on board are cruising the globe under the most luxurious of conditions and it is to be hoped that they will be favoured with good weather during their sojourn here so that they may enjoy to the full the magnificent and beautiful sights which the Colony offers.

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EVIDENCE IN OPIUM CHARGE.

CONTENTS OF A PARCEL.

The case in which a Chinese was recently charged with illegal possession of 200 taels of illicit opium was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. Mr. Leo d'Almada defending the accused in place of Mr. Horace Lo who appeared at previous hearings.

A district watchman, giving evidence, stated that while on duty in Des Voeux Road Central on January 29, he saw accused carrying a parcel. Being suspicious of the parcel's contents, witness ordered accused to accompany him to the Police Station, but accused declined, requesting witness to accompany him to a house where money would be paid over.

Continuing, witness said that he refused to comply with accused's request, arresting him and taking him to the station, where, upon examination, the parcel was found to contain four biscuit tins containing a quantity of opium.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness said that accused did not inform him that he was the licensee of a passenger boat, neither did he state that he had been asked to carry the parcel for one of his passengers.

His Worship remanded the case until next Thursday, allowing bail in \$20,000.

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NOTICES.**HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Society will be held on TUESDAY, 8th February, 1927, at 5.15 p.m. in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

All Ladies & Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA:

- To receive and pass the Committee's Report & Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.
- To elect Officers & a new Committee for the current year.
- To fix the date of the Annual Flower Show, which the outgoing Committee recommend should be held on Thursday, 10th March, 1927.
- To discuss any matter of interest to Horticulturists in Hong Kong and outlying districts.

E. E. C. BORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st January, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 29th Jan., 1927.

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- Mrs. William Marden (2), from Harbin.
- Corelow, from Los Angeles Cal.
- Yuenkoshi, from Kobe.
- May Tung, from Shanghai.
- Matsuoka Passenger Sphinx, from Kobe.
- Morris, from Amoy.
- Kariagin, from Peking.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.

Hong Kong Station, Jan. 27, 1927.

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List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office, Hong Kong.

Halward, from Foochow.
E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927.

NOTICES.**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Society, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon when the subject Resolution will be proposed.

- That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added: "All meetings of the Society shall be held in 'Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine'."
- That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "Society" and the word "shall" the following words shall be inserted: "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."
- That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings.
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in 'Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine'."

- That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and" the following words be inserted: "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m. when the subject Resolution will be proposed.

- That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added: "All meetings of the Company shall be held 'in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine'."
- That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—

Votes of Members.
"80. On a show of hands every member present shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands, unless such member is a 'corporation present by a proxy or a company present by a representative duly authorised by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 58 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member of the company.'"

- That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "company" and the word "shall" the following words shall be inserted: "from which the business of the company shall be managed, conducted and controlled."
- That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings.
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in 'Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine'."

- That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and" the following words be inserted: "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."

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By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Fire Insurance Company Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.30 p.m., when the subject Resolution will be proposed.

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HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.**FIFTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON**

SATURDAY, 5th February, at 9.15 p.m.

THEATRE ROYAL.**MAIN EVENTS:**

15 Round Contest for Middleweight Championship of the Colony

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USUAL PRICES.**SUICIDE SECRET.****CORONER REDUKES A WITNESS.****"MYSTERY ABOUT NOTHING."**

London.—Pressure by book-makers on a man who was taking up a position in America at a salary of £1,000 a year was mentioned at the inquest on Major Paul Reginald Desmond Gratton, aged 40.

Major Gratton was found dead in his bedroom at the Engineers' Club, Whitcomb-street, Cavendish-street, W.

Commander J. H. S. Wright, R.N. (retired), of Pelham-road, Hampstead, N.W., brother-in-law, said Major Gratton came over with the Canadian troops during the war. Later he obtained a commission in the Durham Light Infantry and afterwards transferred to the Machine Gun Corps.

Commander Wright said so far as his own knowledge and the knowledge of his family were concerned Major Gratton was single, but he handed to the coroner, Mr. Ingham, a letter which he said his wife had received during the war in which Major Gratton spoke of having a wife in Canada.

The coroner asked if Commander Wright knew the financial circumstances of Major Gratton, and he replied: "He was the most reticent and secretive man I have ever known. He always appeared to be living a life of easy circumstances and he always arrived at my house in a large motor-car which, I believe, he owned."

Major Gratton's father was Colonel Ernest Gratton, who died in December 1916. He came from Londonderry.

Evidence was given that Major Gratton had been living at the Engineers' Club for a year. He was found dead in his pyjamas in an armchair. Death was due to laceration of the heart. There were superficial cuts on each forearm and under the left breast, apparently inflicted with a pocket-knife.

£1,000-A-Year Post.

Mr. Fred Lionel Rapson, governing director of the Rapson Tyre and Jack Company, Ltd., of New Malden, Surrey, said in 1921 Major Gratton entered the company's service as general manager at £1,000 a year. Afterwards he became their managing manager and went to different parts of the world with the Sunbeam racing team and other well-known racing people as the representative of the firm.

Early last year he went on behalf of the company to America with a view to opening up business and becoming the firm's resident manager in America. He was to have gone out there next month in that capacity. He was not actually employed at the time of his death by the company. He ceased to draw any salary since November.

When Major Gratton came back from America he was given six months' salary as there was nothing for him to do immediately. Major Gratton had been offered a situation as sales director in America at £1,000 a year.

"All Bo.Jh."

The coroner: Why should he commit suicide if that is true? Can you suggest any reason?—I have a reason. I have made a statement to the police.

The coroner: I think that is all bo.Jh.

Mr. Rapson: I do not think it is advisable to say anything.

The coroner: Nor do I. Is there anything else you can tell me about it?—No. I gave him some money.

What do you know as to his habits with regard to drink? Did not he drink to excess?—No.

Was he in financial difficulty?—He must have been because I gave him £50.

Was he a heavy bettor?—Yes.

The coroner: I know from his books that he has been losing heavily. Was he not also a heavy drinker?—Not in my company.

The coroner: Did he ever say anything about suicide to you?—No. Nothing beyond the statement I have made to the police when he wanted to get away from somebody who was worrying him.

All that may be entirely imaginary?—It cannot be imaginary. In fact we have already had one case. Was he strange in his manner?—Yes, at times very excitable.

Then financially he was in some trouble?—Yes.

How do you know that?—Because I gave him £50 last Saturday week. Did he say why he wanted it?—He said he wanted to go to America to get away from these people.

What people do you mean?—I could not tell you.

"Sensational Stuff."

The coroner: No, nor could I. It may be an invention—all this stuff he tells you. You have no evidence of it?—There was evidence on one occasion when a certain event happened in Nottingham.

The coroner: I don't want a lot of sensational stuff which is not well founded. This seems to me to be sensationalism, and I am not going to give publicity to it unless it is true. You are making a mystery about nothing. You are depending on wild talk of his.

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Mr. Rapson: Of other people as well. The coroner: Yes, all talk without evidence.

Wife A Doctor.

"Major Gratton was married," added Mr. Rapson. "I have met his wife. She is a lady doctor."

The coroner: Do you know where she lives?—No.

A bank clerk said Major Gratton's account was £4 15s. 9d. overdrawn.

The coroner, in summing up, said that there was no doubt that Major Gratton was financially worried. He appeared to have been betting and had left a record of his bets which showed a series of losses, with an occasional win, but very very seldom. He was being pressed by bookmakers to discharge his liabilities and had been taking a good deal too much drink.

The coroner added that Major Gratton owed a considerable sum of money at the Engineers' Club. He recorded a verdict that Major Gratton killed himself while of Unsound Mind.

CHOOSING "OPPOSITES."**WHY THE "CHEERFULS" MARRY THE "GLOOMS."****MARRIAGE PROBLEMS.**

[Extensive investigations recently concluded by Dr. Charles Davenport, of the Carnegie Institution, show that there is a powerful never-failing tendency all through nature of like to mate with like and not for opposites to mate with opposites.]

Dr. Davenport has found that highly-strung, eccentric, and nervous people, and even tubercular and insane persons, select their likes more often than their opposites.

Fat people tend strongly to marry fat, lean to marry lean, tall to marry tall, and short to marry short. Brown eyes marry brown eyes more often than they do blue, and blue eyes tend to marry blue eyes.

But, for some strange reason, red-haired people seldom mate together. It has been suggested that this is because red-haired people often have fiery tempers and do not agree.

Dr. Davenport has found that in the matter of some large general phases of temperament opposites do seem to prefer each other.

Four Groups.

For the purposes of his study he divided a company of 246 married couples into four groups, the "excitables" as opposed to the "phlegmatics" and the "cheerfuls" as opposed to the "gloomy."

In not a single case did he find that a gay and cheerful person had married a cheerful, nor a "gloom" a "gloom."

The same was true of the excitable and phlegmatics. Every person who was of the type that is always getting "rattled" had married someone who would not get excited in an earthquake.

It is surmised that the "glooms" seek the "cheerful" in order to get cheered up and the "cheerfuls" overflowing with good nature, gladly extend their sympathy to the "lugubrious blues."

But the large majority of people are married to persons who, in most features and characteristics, are very much like themselves.

Nature's Way.

The calculations of Professor Davenport show that on the average a man and his wife resemble each other as closely as first cousins.

In many cases a husband resembles the wife as much as do brothers and sisters.

It is not known altogether why like tends to mate with like, but Professor Davenport has made the shrewd suggestion that it is because normal children admire their parents and assort with people who are like them.

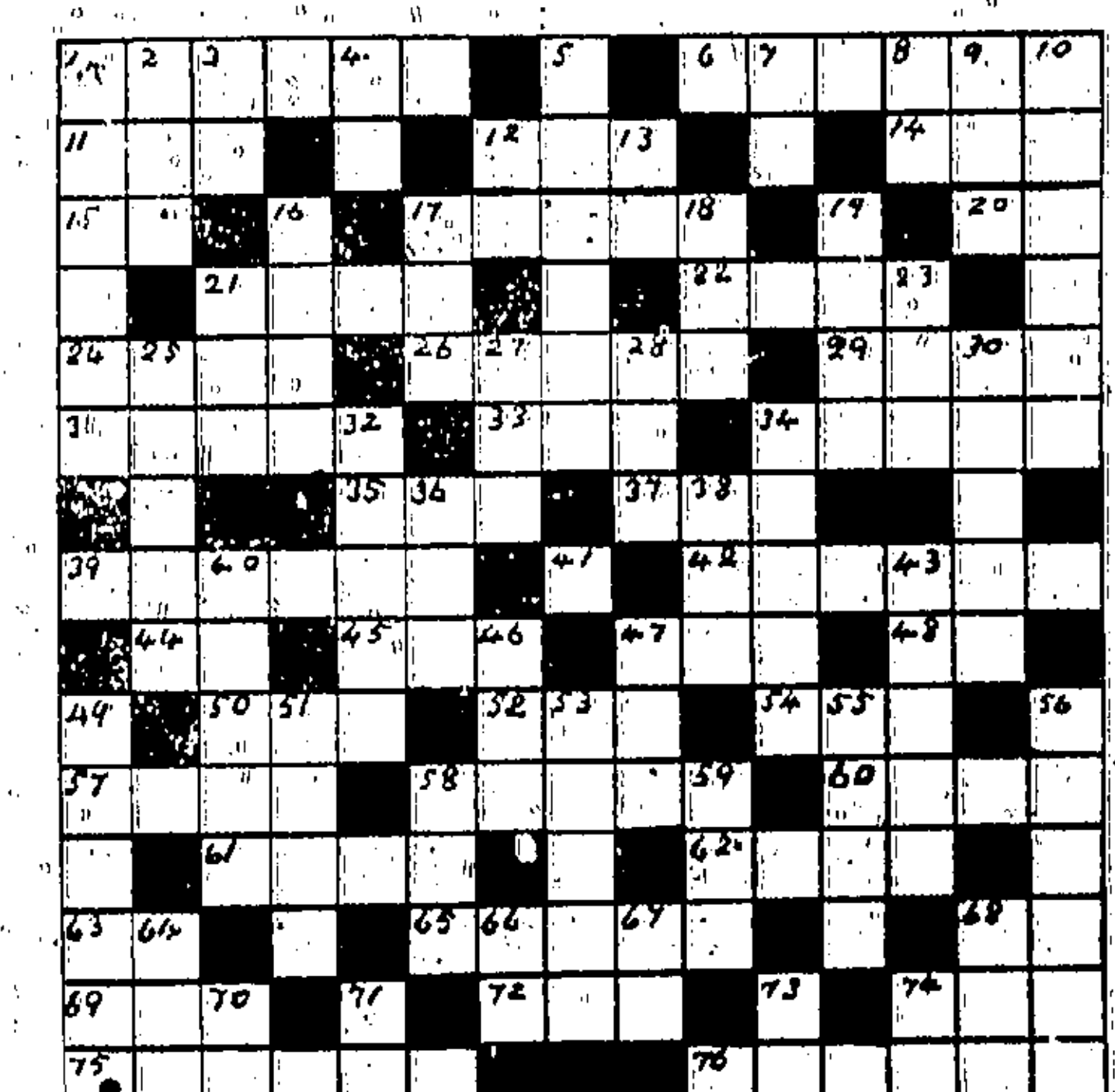
Heredity and environment work together to the same end. A fat boy is fat mostly by heredity. But he selects a fat wife because of his environment. That is to say, he has been reared by his fat mother, who is his ideal of beauty.

In this way nature preserves her breeds. If opposites mated very widely evolution would go to pieces.

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- | Clues Across. | Clues Down. |
|--|---|
| 1. Any of the unorganised ferments. | 1. A zealous person. |
| 2. A bulbous plant with yellow or purple flower. | 2. Large roof like a potato. |
| 3. To bring forth young. | 3. Midnight (abbrev.) |
| 4. Possessive of it. | 4. In this manner. |
| 5. High tone. | 5. Put away. |
| 6. At morning (abbrev.) | 6. A God. |
| 7. Minute openings in leaves of plants. | 7. Chartered accountant (init.) |
| 8. A tree. | 8. Abbreviation used in lecture writing (not inst.) |
| 9. Was carried through. | 9. Saves. |
| 10. A place for cooking in. | 10. Neuter Pronoun. |
| 11. A puppy. | 11. Sergeant-Major (abbrev.) |
| 12. At first. | 12. A contraction of two words, expressive of denial. |
| 13. The outer integument of a seed. | 13. To fasten together with thread. |
| 14. A poem set for music. | 14. Electrical unit (abbrev.) |
| 15. Exchanges. | 15. To cook slowly. |
| 16. Turf for fuel. | 16. A thing for a point. |
| 17. A hare. | 17. A period of years. |
| 18. Went afore. | 18. Like veal. |
| 19. The indefinite article. | 19. Swine. |
| 20. Take away the good name. | 20. Tapid. |
| 21. A Christian Association (abbrev.) | 21. Foam. |
| 22. A kind of strong ale. | 22. Herb Bernet used to flavour ale. |
| 23. Same as 23 across. | 23. Iron combined with carbon. |
| 24. To exist. | 24. To fasten together with thread. |
| 25. A public service car. | 25. Electrical unit (abbrev.) |
| 26. Unusual. | 26. To cook slowly. |
| 27. L.T.A. (actual). | 27. A thing for a point. |
| 28. To incite. | 28. A period of years. |
| 29. A genus of scabboid fishes. | 29. Like veal. |
| 30. Proceedings in a civil court. | 30. Swine. |
| 31. To level with the ground. | 31. Tapid. |
| 32. Part of an egg. | 32. Foam. |
| 33. Royal Scots (init.) | 33. Herb Bernet used to flavour ale. |
| 34. Follows. | 34. Iron combined with carbon. |
| 35. With reference to. | 35. To fasten together with thread. |
| 36. A liqueur. | 36. Electrical unit (abbrev.) |
| 37. A corded cloth. | 37. To cook slowly. |
| 38. Not in. | 38. A thing for a point. |
| 39. American river (known in song) | 39. A period of years. |
| 40. Green turf of grassy surfaces. | 40. Like veal. |

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sident Taft" (from America, Japan
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wallen, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Water-
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from Yokohama, Kobe and Shang-
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Smith, Mr. E. A. Yates, Mr. and
Mrs. S. A. Arthur, Mr. P. Conway,
Mr. H. F. Newton, Miss D. Lahmer,
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king, Mr. Cheah, Sten-toh, Mr. T.
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H. C. Curran, Miss M. S. Green-
horn, Rev. T. W. Hall, Miss A. M.
Maning, Mr. and Mrs. Milroy, Mrs.
A. Myers, Mr. A. Olsen, Mr. and
Mrs. A. Pullen, Dr. and Mrs. J. S.
Sergeant, Miss N. Toeg, Mr. Weis.

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D. Meloni, Miss Ada M. Wheeler,
Dr. I. H. Levy, Rev. Fr. Musson,
Lt. J. A. Boyd, Mrs. N. S. Brandon,
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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Leave	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Leave	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Leave	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
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INDO MARU Tuesday, 15th February.	
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MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
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DELTA	5,397	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KALYAN	9,144	10th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
SEILLORE	8,852	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MANHUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
KANSHAR	9,008	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NAGPORE	5,283	10th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MONGOLIA	16,504	10th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHARKEPPE	5,334	10th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	10th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	5,397	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,902	30th April	Marseilles & London
SEILLORE	8,852	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	26th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KANSHAR	9,008	11th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANHUA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd July	Marseilles & London

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SHIRALA	7,841	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
GAMBHIRA	6,257	8th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	6,955	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Dolo, Thursday
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	& Melbourne
TANDA	6,955	3rd June	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st July	
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

MANHUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,852	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,955	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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DELTA	5,397	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
PERIM	7,048	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,852	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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S.S. "PELEUS" Via Suez Canal 25th February.

S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL" do. 5th March.

S.S. "ATHENS" do. 25th March.

S.S. "KREUCER" do. 8th April.

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She is the first British cargo liner to be fitted with direct-acting, double-acting Diesel engines, of the 4-cycle type, manufactured by the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., of Wallsend-on-Tyne. At various times during the last few days "The Journal of Commerce" has recorded the extensive Diesel engine, experimental work being undertaken by the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Co. at their Wallsend Works, in conjunction with Messrs. Werkspoor, of Amsterdam, and the machinery of this vessel is the first set of the double-acting type to be put into service. It will be remembered that the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., built a large experimental unit of this type, the sizes of this unit, in fact, being practically the same as the six-cylinders of the H.M. engine, so that any of our readers who saw this experimental engine running will easily visualise the proportions of the "Stentor's" engines.

AMERICAN SHIPPING

BUREAU OF NAVIGATION
REPORT.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Navigation (United States) for the fiscal year has just been made public, and contains a number of items of interest. The Merchant Marine of the United States on June 30, 1926, consisted of 26,343 documented vessels of all kinds, of a total gross tonnage of 17,311,147, of which 3,052 sea-going vessels of 11,895,058 tons were of 1,000 gross tons or over, showing a reduction in number of twenty vessels, and a reduction in tonnage of about 88,000 tons from the figures of the previous year.

The report advocates a reorganization of the maritime bureau and activities, under the direction of the Department of Commerce; the personnel of the customs service has the carrying out of many of these duties at present, and yet the Secretary of Commerce is charged with the administration of law, through the employees of another department over whom he has no direct supervision and whose efficiency, or lack of it, he has no authority to reward or correct.

This is marked in the cases of endorsement of a mortgage of a vessel on her documents, or in the case of the highly technical work of admeasurement of tonnage of vessels, upon which is based, the collection of navigation fees, tonnage taxes, canal tolls and port charges, in American and foreign ports. The consolidation of effort under central direction will result in the attraction of competent men, and render expert and adequate service to the benefit of shipowners. Shipped, Re-shipped & Discharged.

During the year 534,000 officers and men were shipped, re-shipped and discharged before Shipping Commissioners under the Department of Commerce, with an average cost per man for this service of 23 cents. Collectors of Customs acting at ports where shipping commissioners' offices have not been established, shipped and discharged during the year, 54,000 officers and men; American Consuls shipped and discharged 39,500 officers and men. Of the men shipped before commissioners, 53 per cent. were born or naturalized Americans, the highest percentage for several years. The British nationality came next, about 12 per cent. of the whole, followed by Germans with about 8 per cent., and Spanish with 5.5 per cent.

The Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce is one of the few Government Divisions showing a profit; the appropriations for the Bureau are about one-third the revenue collected through its various services.

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Straits & Calcutta	ROHSANG	Mon. 7th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Tsingtau via Swatow & Shanghai	KWONGSANG	Wed. 9th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Thurs. 10th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Haiphong	MINGSANG	Thurs. 10th Feb. at 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	KUTSANG	Fri. 11th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Tsai via Swatow & Shanghai	HOPSANG	Sun. 13th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Tues. 16th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	SUISANG	Tues. 16th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Tsai via Swatow & Shanghai	YATSHING	Wed. 16th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Wed. 16th Feb. at 2 p.m.
Osaka via Moji, Kobe & Moji	ROHSANG	Thurs. 17th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sat. 19th Feb. at 7 a.m.
		5th Mar. at 1 p.m.

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BRITISH GUNBOATS.

"BIRD" CLASS TO COME
OUT HERE?

For the four gunboats of the 1925-26 programme, the first to be built since the war, the Admiralty have reverted to a former practice of selecting names of birds, and have chosen "Gannet," "Peterel," "Seagull" and "Tern."

The last group of gunboats were named after insects, and several of the vessels concerned have recently been mentioned in connection with the events on the Yangtze—the "Cockchafer," "Mantis" and the "Ike."

But the old China gunboats bear the names of birds—the "Moorhen," "Robin," "Teal," "Widgeon," "Woodcock" and "Woodlark"—and it may well be that the new vessels will take the places of some of these on completion. The oldest of the names just chosen is "Peterel," which has been borne by some eight vessels of the Royal Navy since 1777.

The motor vessel "Chinese Prince" from New York sailed from Shanghai on the afternoon of Dec. 2 and is expected to arrive here on Feb. 5 at daylight.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From NEW YORK & SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Motor Vessel

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 7th February, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before 14th February, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 7th February, 1927, at 10 a.m.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benalder" from Leith, Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here tomorrow.

The m.v. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on Jan. 25, and is due here on or about March 2.

The "President Taft" arrived here yesterday from Shanghai and ports with the following for Hong Kong:—40 cabin and 146 steerage passengers, 1,300 tons of cargo and 577 bags of mail.

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*Calls Los Angeles.

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ANYO MARU Tuesday, 3rd May, at Noon.

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.

HAZAKI MARU Saturday, 12th Feb., at 11 a.m.

HAKUSAN MARU Saturday, 26th Feb., at 11 a.m.

KITANO MARU Saturday, 12th March.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd Feb., at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd March.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU Saturday, 12th February.

CALCUTTA MARU Monday, 21st February.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

TAJIMA MARU (Calls Glasgow) Saturday, 6th February.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KAMAKURA MARU Saturday, 6th February.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

AWA MARU Thursday, 10th February.

SEIYO MARU Tuesday, 22nd February.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

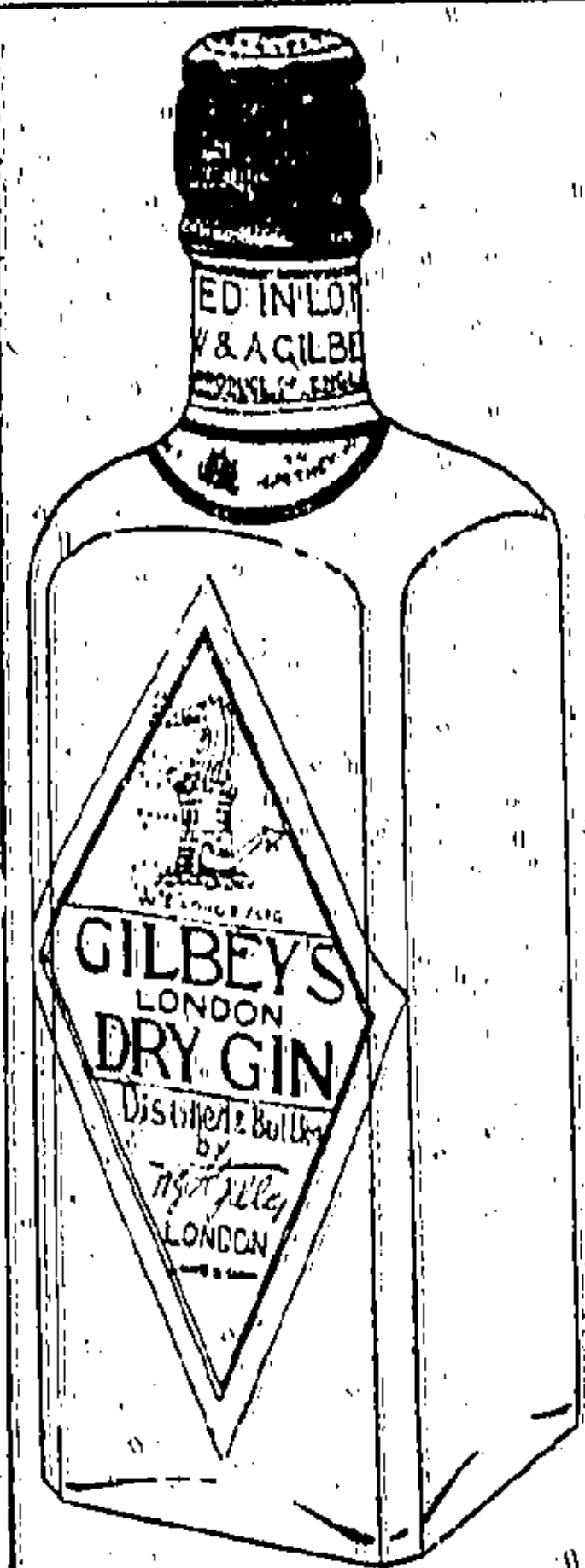
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BARNES.—On January 5, 1927, at
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DEATH.

REMEDIOS.—On January 25, 1927,
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Placer Remedios, aged 57 years.

Hong Kong, Friday, Feb. 4, 1927.

THE CABINET AND CHINA.

The entirely new situation created by the breakdown of the negotiations at Hankow will be considered by the British Cabinet to-day. Until the decisions of that meeting have been made known, it is perhaps a little premature to speculate as to what will happen next in China. None the less it is timely to emphasise one point at least. Speaking at Kilmarnock last week, the Secretary for Dominions, Mr. L. E. S. Amery, said that the offer Britain was making to China would be seen, when published, to be so far-reaching, generous and considerate of Chinese susceptibilities, that it was impossible to conceive of its rejection by any section in China that was influenced by a regard for the welfare, or even the national sentiment of China. Any such rejection, Mr. Amery added, could only be due to extraneous influences, namely the dominance of Bolshevik agents and Bolshevik policy. The British proposals, it may be said at once, were not made with the primary intention of applying a test in this regard—they were made solely for the purpose of reaching an honourable settlement in a fair and

liberal spirit. None the less, owing to the peculiar circumstances, the making of the test was necessarily involved. At the moment it would seem from the rejection—or postponement—of the settlement at Hankow, that the Nationalist Government is under the thumb of its Soviet advisers, or in other words, in a state of vassalage to Moscow. This may apply only to the more forceful extremist wing, but a government must be adjudged, not by its individual members, but as a collective whole. This point it is hardly to be thought will be lost from sight at to-day's Cabinet meeting in London, and it may fairly be expected that it will influence our entire future policy towards the Nationalist Government. The British Government must now realise exactly where it stands in relation to China, and what is still more important, in relation to Moscow. Consequently it is to be expected that whatever policy is laid down at to-day's Cabinet meeting, that policy will envisage our problem in China, not merely as a matter affecting the future of the Hankow and Kiukiang concessions alone, not merely as a matter governing the future status of our nationals in the Republic, but as a matter of the greatest world importance. To-day's cabinet meeting is likely to prove historic, if we are right, and its decisions fateful to a degree.

British Labour Leaders & China.

Since the Labour Government in Britain left office a little over two years ago, a number of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Cabinet colleagues have made speeches which, for one reason or another, have been worthy of special note. In politics are an organised quarrel, during an election they degenerate easily into a fight between snarling curs, and it is certainly to the credit of Mr. J. H. Thomas that on the morrow of the poll he was the first to lift the political debate above that level. As an exhibition of dignity in defeat and of patriotic feeling his few public speeches since handing over the portfolio for Dominions Affairs, with their fine appeal for a truce to class bitterness, could not have been bettered. In the circumstances, we were by no means surprised to find Mr. Thomas one of the first to congratulate Sir Austen Chamberlain upon his statesmanlike speech on the China situation. Such utterances at the present time, coming, as they do, from ex-Labour Ministers, cannot fail to give added confidence to the Government, at the same time indicating to the world at large that British policy at the present time is not of one shade of political thought only. To go a step

further, one might say that with the possible exception of Mr. Lloyd George, who has since attempted to offer the world, a singularly unconvincing apology, the public orations of members of his Majesty's Opposition during the trying days of the past week or so have been significant not only as well-considered exhibitions of statesmanship, but as an indication that one and all in Great Britain to-day bear the utmost goodwill towards China and the Chinese people.

A "TOWN COUNCIL."

PLANS FOR Y.M.C.A.
ELECTION.

MEETING TO FOLLOW.

Plans for the Mock Town Council at the Y.M.C.A. Kowloon are proceeding. The campaign proper commences on Monday when six candidates for "vacancies" will circulate their "policies" and arrange meetings in the building. The polling will be on the following Saturday. There are three vacancies. On Thursday, February 17, there will be a meeting of the "Council" (certain leaders of three parties and other sitting members have already been appointed). The matters to be discussed concern the domestic politics of "Mudford-on-Sea." The leaders of the parties are: Messrs. Murray (Progressive); E. R. Price (Moderate) and A. Dand (Socialist). The candidates for the three vacancies are Messrs. E. Sewall and McArthur (Progressives); Messrs. Keates and Walker (Moderates), and Messrs. Long and Munn (Socialists).

FACES IN FLINT.

EXPERT EXPLAINS FREAK
OF NATURE.

A scientific explanation of the remarkably life-like carvings of human faces and animals figures which appear in the flints on exhibition at the Psyché Museum, in Victoria Street, was advanced by geological experts of the British Museum and the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. One of the flints was submitted by a press representative to the scientists, who declared that it was millions of years old, and that the markings were due to a freak of nature. On the flint was the profile, in white, of an old man with a beaming brow and deep-set eyes. Like the forty or fifty other flints in the collection, the marking goes right through the grain! Natural. One of the foremost authorities on flints, who examined the specimen at the British Museum through a powerful lens, declared at once that the marking was quite natural. "The white area is what is known as a 'cherty inclusion' in the flint," he said. "Its chemical composition is the same, but it is of a different texture from the rest of the flint. It is quite common to find these 'cherty inclusions' in flints, and every now and then the outline is of a shape which gives it a resemblance to a portrait. These freaks of nature are quite well known to science. The profile on this flint is not that of a prehistoric face. There never was a prehistoric man with such an aquiline nose. Their noses were more like those of prize-fighters."

CONSTABLE CHARGED.

ALLEGED TO HAVE STOLEN
WATCH.

Singapore, Jan. 22. A police constable attached to the Central Station has been arrested on a charge of robbery. It is alleged that the accused dragged a man from a ricksha and robbed him of a gold watch. His victim afterwards saw him in plain clothes and made a complaint. The accused was arrested and it is stated a pawn ticket was found among his belongings, and the watch was recovered. The accused was brought before Mr. P. A. F. David in the District Court, the case being postponed.

SHANGHAI SHAKEN.

Shanghai, Feb. 3. Very severe earthquake shocks were felt in Shanghai at 11.50 this morning. Buildings rocked and for half a minute it was a distinctly unpleasant experience. Shocks of such severity have been rare here hitherto. No damage is reported. Another shock of seventy seconds duration was felt at 1 p.m. The local observatory states that to-day's earthquakes centred 150 to 200 miles west or north-west of Shanghai, and are not considered serious.—Reuter.

"SUFFOLKS" ARRIVE.

Stay In Hong Kong
Prolonged.

DETACHMENTS LEAVE.

The s.s. "Achilles," with the Second Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment on board, entered the harbour this morning and berthed alongside the North wall of the Royal Naval Yard at about 9.30. The band of the 2nd/ King's Own Scottish Borderers played welcoming music and among those who boarded to offer an official welcome were Col. L. Comyn, O.C. 2nd/ K.O.S.B., Major J. Macready, D.S.O., D.A.A. & Q.M.G., Major Peterson, O.B.E., O.C., R.A.S.C., and Capt. A. G. Dobbie, 2nd/ K.O.S.B. The 800 men on board bore full equipment and small detachments left in the course of the morning loaded with their kit for the various barracks to which they have been assigned. It is understood that the original plans whereby the Suffolks were to break their journey for a few days here and give a demonstration route march have been changed. It is expected that their stay here will be of longer duration. Orders are awaited. New Commanding Officer. Colonel F. S. Cooper, D.S.O., O.C. of the 2nd Suffolk, left for England on sick leave before the Battalion left for Hong Kong. Major A. G. Taylor is in command in his absence. The Suffolks had a warm send-off on embarking on December 31 from the garrison and people of Gibraltar, with which fortress the regimental name is closely associated. A few of the details and horses followed from Gibraltar on the transport "Patroclus" on January 6 and arrived in Hong Kong yesterday.

Major A. G. Taylor, who is temporarily commanding the Battalion (he was made acting Lt.-Col. on December 3, 1918) was born in 1879. He was first appointed a 2nd Lt. in the Suffolk Regiment in 1900. The next year he became Lieutenant. In 1910 he was promoted Captain and he received his present rank in August, 1915. From Jan. 21 to March 17, 1916 and from Oct. 15, 1916 to April 14, 1917, he was temporary Lt.-Col. and acting Lt.-Col. from Sept. 14, 1917 to June 14, 1918. Major Taylor was an adjutant in the Territorials from March 1915, to January 1916.

The Officers. Other officers of the 2nd/ Suffolks arriving to-day are: Major A. M. Cutbill, M.C., Major N. A. Bittleston, Capt. R. W. Leach, Capt. C. F. Hill, M.C., Capt. E. H. W. Buckhouse, Capt. E. H. Faulkner, Wright, Capt. F. C. Berrill, Capt. P. R. W. Cartwright, and Capt. S. P. Inskip. The adjutant is Lieut. H. R. Hopking.

Sixteen subalterns complete the list of officers as follows: Lieutenants V. C. Russell, D.S.O., M.C., F. H. Vinden, N. A. Bott, M.C., D.C.M., M.M., R. H. Maxwell, R. Q. March, E. R. D. Elias, O. A. Watts, G. T. E. Grey, R. H. H. Unwin, A. D. R. Heyland, R. N. Charrington, N. M. Barnardiston, R. H. I. Hopkins, Second Lieutenants L. L. Wight, J. E. A. Bazelgette, and J. R. H. Unwin. Lieut. B. G. F. Drew is Quarter Master. It is of interest to note that four of the officers were with the Suffolk Regiment in 1914, three of them with the battalion. Capt. R. W. Leach was with the 1st Batt. from 1910 to 1914 as first Lieutenant, while Capt. E. H. W. Buckhouse, Capt. P. R. W. Cartwright and Capt. S. P. Inskip joined the 2nd Battalion, and were second lieutenants together in the early days of the war.

"Castle and Key." The badge of the "Suffolks" is "The Castle and Key," superimposed "Gibraltar 1779-33," and with the motto underneath "Montis Insignia Calpe." The uniform is red and facings yellow.

The "Achilles," which brought the Suffolks to Hong Kong, was rapidly reconditioned and converted in one week from a passenger and cargo boat to a troopship. The work was done by Messrs. Alfred Holt and Company's employees and constituted something of a record, most of the internal fittings of the passenger accommodation being altered.

A STANDARD REMEDY.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is a standard family medicine. Prompt, reliable and effective for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, whooping cough, nervous hacking, tickling throat, troublesome night coughs and the chronic coughs of elderly people. For sale everywhere.

CANTON "ROW."

Seamen's Threat to "Sai On" Captain.

UNION & BRITISH STEAMER.

News has been received that a threat has been made by the Canton Seamen's Union to the British steamboat "Sai On" which was in Canton harbour for China New Year holidays. Yesterday the Union is stated to have openly indicated that they would prevent the boat leaving for Hong Kong, unless the master (Captain Jenkins) was dismissed. An unconfirmed report goes so far as to say that Captain Jenkins was in danger of being assaulted, or even that he had been actually threatened with violence which culminated in his leaving the ship. The sister-ship "Tung On" left Hong Kong for Canton this morning and the "Sai On" is due to arrive here this afternoon. It was learned that the "Sai On" may not sail and that Captain Jenkins may be returning to the Colony by another boat.

Fight a Fortnight Ago. About a fortnight ago, there was a fight on board—when the ship was in Canton—between the Indian anti-piracy guards supplied by the Hong Kong Police and the seamen. A large number of men from the Seamen's Union went to the ship to assist the crew and the trouble was ended by Captain Jenkins and the officers locking up the grilles to the bridge, with the guards inside. The threat that is stated to have been made by the agitators is that if Captain Jenkins remains in command, the native crew would be made to leave the ship and thus prevent her clearing for Hong Kong.

R.A.F. MESS BILLS.

OFFICERS ABLE TO LIVE ON
THEIR PAY.

London, Jan. 15. The Air Ministry, replying to the comments of the Official Receiver at Salisbury Bankruptcy Court, yesterday denies that the R.A.F. mess bills are too high. It says that it has always been officially stressed that "officers, even of the most junior rank, should have no difficulty in living on their pay." Commanding officers are responsible for seeing that the messes are not run on extravagant lines. The daily rate of messing at the R.A.F. mess at present averages about 3s. 6d. Wine bills of flight-lieutenants and under must not exceed 25s. per month, but the average of this is nearer a sovereign. The subscription for station purposes of entertainment and sports totals about 25s. per month. The daily pay of a flying-officer under two years' seniority is 18s. 10d. exclusive of allowances.

GENEROUS BEQUESTS

TEACHING OF TYPOGRAPHY
AND PRINTING.

London, Jan. 16. Edinburgh and London, particularly the former, benefit largely from bequests made by the late Mr. Edward Clark of Messrs. R. and R. Clark, printers of Edinburgh. He left £10,000 to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, £10,000 to the Heriot Watt College, Edinburgh, for furthering the teaching of typography, £10,000 to a similar London institution, which the trustees are to select, £10,000 to endow a printing school for Edinburgh, £5,000 to endow a printing school for London, £5,000 for Red Cross purposes, £3,000 to St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, £1,000 each to the Edinburgh Sick Children's Hospital and the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers. The trustees are directed to distribute the residue for charitable purposes in Edinburgh and London and it is expressly provided that Edinburgh University is to be regarded as in this category.

Paris, Feb. 3.—A message from Beirut states that Hassan Atrash, chief of the rebel family of Atrash, has submitted to the French authorities.—Hayes.

Rugby, Feb. 3.—The trial flight took place yesterday of the No. 4 Hercules, a new aeroplane constructed for the Cairo-Khartoum route. Captain Broad, the pilot, stated that the flight was in every way successful. Aeroplane No. 5, now under construction, will leave for Cairo on February 23.—British Wireless Service.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

New Turn In Wife's Suit For Divorce.

RECEIVERS RESTRAINED.

Los Angeles, Jan. 25. — The receivers appointed by the court to take charge of Charles Chaplin's assets pending the outcome of his wife's divorce suit were restrained to-day temporarily at least from further interference with the California properties of the movie comedian by a writ of prohibition issued by the second district court of appeals.

The writ also restrains the superior court from further action in the divorce case. A hearing on whether the writ is to be made permanent will be held next Tuesday. Chaplin's lawyers in obtaining the temporary writ contended that the superior court had acted without jurisdiction as the actor had not been served and was not under the jurisdiction of the court.

The writ makes it impossible for Mrs. Lita Grey Chaplin to collect for a week at least \$14,400 in alimony and court costs granted her by the superior courts. Chaplin, who is in New York recovering from a recent nervous breakdown, has announced he will return to Los Angeles to fight the case and get custody of his children.

Mrs. Chaplin's attorneys made known to-day they contemplated breaking into Chaplin's safety deposit boxes in various Los Angeles banks with a steel drill as a means of uncovering wealth which to meet alimony payments to their clients. The higher court's action forestalls this. Her lawyers threatened this action unless the actor posts \$100,000 bond within a few days releasing his California properties to cover alimony and costs.

"ALL IS OVER"

INDIAN ARMY OFFICER'S DEATH.

LONDON TUBE TRAGEDY.

London, Jan. 14. — A lieutenant of the Indian Army, S. F. Stainer, fell under an electric train as it emerged out of the tunnel at Holborn Tube station and was imprisoned an hour and a half before the breakdown gang was able to lift the carriage and release him.

Meanwhile a doctor was summoned and a railwayman crawled under the train and gave a hypodermic injection of morphia under the doctor's directions. Oxygen cylinders were rushed to the spot, and oxygen was administered. All traffic was suspended.

Lieut. Stainer was finally released and removed to hospital where he died shortly afterwards. A telegram with the words "all is over" was found in his pocket. Lieut. Stainer belonged to the 20th Burma Rifles and was suffering from debility after service abroad. He was a patient at the Osborne House Officers' Convalescent Home, which he left yesterday to attend a Medical Board at the India Office to-day.

LYON'S LATEST.

A BEST MAN SUPPLIED ON ORDER.

£5,000 TO BE FED FOR LIFE.

London, Jan. 14. — Lyon's, the famous caterers, report that they supplied a harassed bridegroom, whose best man fell ill at the last moment, with a substitute at a fee of three guineas.

The hired man also became Master of Ceremonies and arranged the speeches at the reception. The firm has also accepted £5,000, offered by a man, aged forty, to supply him with two meals a day, at the Trocadero, for the rest of his life. Lyon's estimate that the man may live seventy-seven years. Thus it will cost him £185 yearly roughly, 6s. each meal.

PERSIAN LUXURY TAXES.

Teheran. — A bill imposing 100 per cent. surtax on luxury articles has passed its first reading, but the majority of the Majlis favour a strict embargo upon such articles.

London, Feb. 3. — Garibaldi has gone to Cuba. — Reuter.

THE KIT KAT.

RAID ON LONDON SOCIETY CLUB.

POLICE COURT SEQUEL.

London, Jan. 14. — Nearly a hundred summonses were heard at Marlborough-Street Police Court to-day against the management and guests of the Kit Kat Club, one of the best-known London society clubs, which was raided on December 11.

The summonses referred to alleged offences under the liquor laws, one of which requires cause to be shown why the club, whose members include many prominent members of society, the stage, the law, the House of Lords, and the House of Commons, should not be struck off the register.

In the course of the hearing it was stated that champagne at thirty shillings a bottle, with sandwiches at £1 for a plate of five, was served to a constable after hours.

The police took down 336 names during the raid, under difficulties, when the lights were turned down for a cabaret show.

A number of visitors were fined £10 each. The remaining charges will be heard on January 28.

WHITE SLAVE GIRL.

SEQUEL TO MARRIAGE WITH AFGHAN.

NOW BOUGHT BACK.

London, Jan. 14. — The German diplomatic representative at Kabul reports that he purchased a white woman as a slave on behalf of the Reich.

An Afghan tobacco merchant, Abdullah Khan, married a young Berlin girl in 1921 and the marriage was apparently happy. Abdullah Khan returned to Kabul, taking his wife with him, and he recently died. The widow imagined that she was an heiress, but was informed that, according to Afghani laws, she passed, with all her late husband's belongings, into the possession of his brother who was quite willing to accept her. She declined to be treated as mere property, whereupon her brother-in-law, in accordance with his rights, auctioned her in the slave market. The German Minister purchased her, paying a very high price.

LONDON MYSTERY.

STRANGE CASE OF LOSS OF MEMORY.

London, Jan. 13. — A well-spoken man, between 55 and 60 years of age, is lying in the Old Church Hospital at Romford, suffering from loss of memory. He was found a few days ago wandering at Barking, and a fellow patient discovered him. He could remember he had been in India many years ago as Telegraph Inspector on the East India Railway and also that he had done telegraph work in British East Africa. He speaks Hindustani fluently, but his identity has not yet been established.

So far as the East is concerned the New Year Honours list contains nothing of a very striking nature, unless it be that Hong Kong pulls off two of the coveted distinctions, which is one more than its average, remarks the "China Express and Telegraph" (London). The esteemed Attorney-General has been created a K.B., and will in future be styled Sir Joseph Kemp. As plain Mr. Kemp has been a hard and unostentatious worker in the Colony's interests, and none more thoroughly deserves the honour conferred upon him. Recently he headed the Hong Kong delegation to Canton to arrange the boycott settlement. Of Dr. Kotewall, who becomes C.M.G., it may be said that no more popular selection could have been made from the ranks of the unofficial community. He began life as a humble clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office and, reaching the enviable end of the "locally engaged," he left, and started what has proved a most successful business career. Mr. Kotewall, nevertheless, has managed to find time for a great deal of public work, including membership of the Legislative Council, representing the Chinese, member of the University Council, etc. Successive Governments have spoken most highly of Mr. Kotewall's work, and it will be no surprise if he, still a young man, mounts a rung or two higher on the ladder of fame.

STUFFY COLDS.

MOTHERS, why allow "snuffles" and stuffy whoozy breathing to distress your babies when quick relief follows the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It checks the development of a cold and contains no narcotics. It is good too for croup and whooping cough. Every user is a friend. For sale everywhere.

H.K.V.D.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

Extracts from this week's orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps (issued to-day) are:—

The General Officer Commanding wishes those who attended the Route March on Monday to be informed that he was very pleased with their appearance and turn out.

Field Day.

A Field Day will be held in the neighbourhood of Fanling on Monday, February 13. Full details will be published later. This will count as one day in camp for those who have been unable to complete the requisite four days.

Annual Inspection.

The G.D.C. will inspect the Corps on Tuesday, February 22 on Murray Parade-ground at 9 p.m. Every member of the Corps (Reserve Co. included) is required to attend. Further details will be issued later.

Members are reminded that attendance at the above inspection is one of the qualifications for efficiency.

Artillery Company.

City and Talke Sections parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Lecture will be given by Lt. G. H. Sloane-Stanley, R.A. Transport for Talke Section will be at Talke Dock, East Gate, at 4.45 p.m.

Engineer Company.

Field, Signal and Lights Sections parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday.

Subject: Squad Drill with arms. Dress: Muffin.

Infantry Company.

On Tuesday, at 5.30 p.m.:— No. 1 Platoon at Headquarters, Lewis Gun elementary handling under Lt. S. Jarvis, M.C.

No. 2 Platoon Lewis Gun firing at Kennedy Road range under Lt. E. J. R. Mitchell, and Arms Drill for those detailed, under Sgt. V. C. Branson, M.C.

No. 3 and 4 Platoons at Miniature range under 2/Lt. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M.

Signalling Class as usual. On Tuesday, February 13, at 5.30 p.m.:—

No. 1 Platoon at Kennedy Road Range, Lewis Gun firing under 2/Lt. H. Owen Hughes.

No. 2 Platoon at Headquarters, Lewis Gun elementary handling under Lt. E. J. R. Mitchell, and Arms Drill for those detailed, under Sgt. V. C. Branson, M.C.

No. 3 and 4 Platoons Musketry under 2/Lt. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M.

Signalling Class as usual. Medical Section.

The whole of the Medical Section, W.O., N.C.O.'s and men are expected to turn up for the practice parades for General's Inspection.

STRENGTH.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

Pte. C. F. M. Terry, No. 2, Platoon.

Pte. J. L. Alver and L. Raptis, No. 4 Platoon.

Pte. F. J. Easterbrook, No. 1 Platoon.

Pte. R. G. Wicheil, A. Car Company.

Pte. A. McWhirter and D. L. McLennan, No. 5 Platoon.

Pte. N. Drummond, No. 7 Platoon.

Spr. A. J. Cole, Engineer Company.

Promotion.

Sergt. G. T. Padgett, Engineer Co., is promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Reversion.

Corporal W. Hyde, No. 6 Platoon, is permitted to revert to the ranks at his own request.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

Pte. J. McKelvie, No. 6 Platoon, from Feb. 1 to Jan. 31, 1928.

Pte. W. M. Cox, No. 1 Platoon, from Feb. 1 to Jan. 31, 1928.

Resignation.

Pte. J. Adams, No. 6 Platoon, is permitted to resign from the Corps.

Marksmen.

The undermentioned have qualified as Marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:—

Pte. G. R. Vallack, A. Car Coy., 95 points; Pte. W. J. Woolley, A. Car Coy., 92 points; Spr. H. F. Westlake, Eng. Coy., 90 points.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

The case in which a Chinese chauffeur stands charged with the manslaughter of a cargo coolie, through it is alleged, careless driving at West Point on January 27, was again before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mr. C. A. S. Russ, defending, said that he had just been instructed and applied for a remand.

His Worship set the case for hearing on Wednesday afternoon next.

The directors of Sepang Valley Estate, Ltd., have declared a fourth interim dividend of 22½ per cent., (making 75 per cent. to date) for the year ended December 31, 1926.

COLOURS FOR MEN.

THE DEMAND FOR GAYER CLOTHES.

BUT LOYALTY TO TROUSERS.

London. — Shall men, abandoning the sombre colourings that they have now affected in civil life, for something like a century, resort again to all that brilliance of costume which once ran riot throughout the known world?

That is the sartorial question which is being most debated in London to-day, and there is undoubtedly a tendency to try once again to persuade our young bloods that a revival of something, at least, of the glories of the past is overdue.

Mr. James Weddell, president of the Merchant Tailors, has been practically telling us that it was the daringness of their clothes that inspired the daring actions of the great men of the gracious days of Elizabeth. "I would," he said, "combat the idea that colour in men's dress is a sign of effeminacy. In the Elizabethan period, when our great captains were building up the Empire, more silks, ribbons, and velvets of every colour were worn than at most other periods of history."

But Mr. Weddell is not allowed to have things all his own way in this matter. Someone else has pointed out that the Cavaliers also were prinked out in all the colours of the rainbow, and in every possible gay material, but that they were defeated on nearly every occasion they met the Puritans, who wore mostly leather jerkins and dull colours, and whose headresses throughout the army had not a single flowing feather. Further, that it was Cromwell, the great Puritan leader, who determined "to make the name of Englishman feared as no other had been feared since the days of the Romans." And also that Cromwell's Ironsides, that body of horse which is even today held to have been unexcelled in the sternness of its discipline and fighting capacity, owed nothing of their wonderful reputation to their beauty of dress.

One might toss the ball, or argument upon such a point from one historical event to another. Napoleon's revolutionary armies, which for 20 years dominated Europe, presented a galaxy of colour. His cavalry, particularly, wore every possible combination of brilliant hues, except the scarlet, which seems to have been the peculiar right of most regiments of the British Army for something like a couple of centuries. But Napoleon and his gay troops met their Nemesis, and that after the more sombre-clad Russians had resisted them at Borodino, and drawn them on to Moscow.

Then, the greatest war of all was the least picturesque in uniform. Millions of men fought in khaki, or horizon-blue, or field-grey, or other neutral tints, and the deeds of the wearers surpassed any of those who had gone forth to battle in the colours of the rainbow. For that matter, the Australians fought much of the great struggle in Gallipoli stripped almost to the buff. No better argument could be found that it is not the clothes, but the man inside that counts.

Quaint Anachronisms.

But that is not to say that men's clothes stand in no need of alteration. There are always inveterate opponents of such quaint anachronisms as the top-hat, and many people would like to see our full-length trousers with their faculty for going baggy at the knees, replaced by some garment more convenient and graceful. One critic decries that trousers are as much out of date as the long skirts that women used to trail through the dust and mud of the streets. He advocates knee-breeches, and when in evening dress, silk stockings and shoes with silver buckles. But that suggestion has been turned down over and over again.

Perhaps the contention is right that the bright young sparks of Oxford, when they set out to reform men's fashions, might have done something useful if they had chosen knee-breeches, as their means of attack, instead of the egregious Oxford bags. But, after all, knee-breeches are with us, and have been with us for years, either in the form of riding breeches, cycling kit, or "plus fours." And they do not seem to have caught on except for use upon specific occasions. For one man who wears plus fours when he goes to office in London, several hundreds of thousands are content with trousers.

I have a theory upon the reason for men clinging to trousers. Put it how one will, every man's leg is not shown to the best advantage in knee-breeches. There are bandy, spindle-shanked, callous, and fat varieties of the human leg, all of which look bet-

EXPERTS' VIEWS.

UNIVERSITY MEN IN BUSINESS.

CONFLICTING VIEWS.

London, Jan. 14.

Newspaper correspondents are battling over the question of the business fitness of "Varsity men." Mr. Masterman quotes Mr. Morris, the well-known motor car manufacturer, and Mr. Simon, the ex-Mayor of Manchester, both of whom are unfavourable to University men. The famous banker, Sir John Ferguson, thinks that twenty-three is too late to start a business career. Mr. Gordon Selfridge conceded that University men often become admirable businessmen after "ironing out." Sir Harry McGowan states that Nobel Industries are conducting a precise investigation into the record of both University and non-University employees. Sir George Touche, the financial authority, favours University men. Mr. Gamage inclines to the engaging and training of Public School men, aged 17 years. He finds University men unadaptable; they think they know too much and are very difficult to teach. Sir Woodman-Burbridge, Sir Philip Nash, Sir Hugo Hirst, all say that University men are very necessary in business and prove both hardworking, keen and trustworthy. Sir Hugo Cunliffe Owen, Chairman of the British-American Tobacco Co., thinks it impossible to dogmatise, and that it is all a matter of personality. If a man does not possess a taste for business the "Varsity" is certainly unlikely to give it to him.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February 4—Queen's Theatre; Jackie Coogan in "Old Clothes." February 4—World Theatre; "The Fool's Luck."

February 4—Star Theatre; "The Wife Who Wasn't Wanted."

February 5—Fifth tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

February 5—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanling Hunt, Kwai Race Course.

Meetings.

February 8—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's 5.15 p.m.

February 10—Adjourned meeting of Kowloon Football Club, Clubhouse, Chatham Rd., Kowloon, 6 p.m.

February 15—General meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., "British Traders' Insurance Co. Ltd., and China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., at Union Building, Pedder St., noon, 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively.

Mr. Donald Macfarlane has been appointed Consul for Sarawak at Jeddah with effect from January 1, 1927, vice Mr. W. P. Cochrane resigned.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Permatia Rubber Estate, Ltd., held on January 4, it was decided to recommend to the shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting that the balance of Tls. 50,680.57 standing to the credit of profit and loss account be dealt with as follows:—To pay a final dividend of Tls. 0.75 per share, making a total of Tls. 1.25 per share for the year Tls. 33,987, to place to reserve account Tls. 10,000, to carry forward to next year Tls. 6,692.

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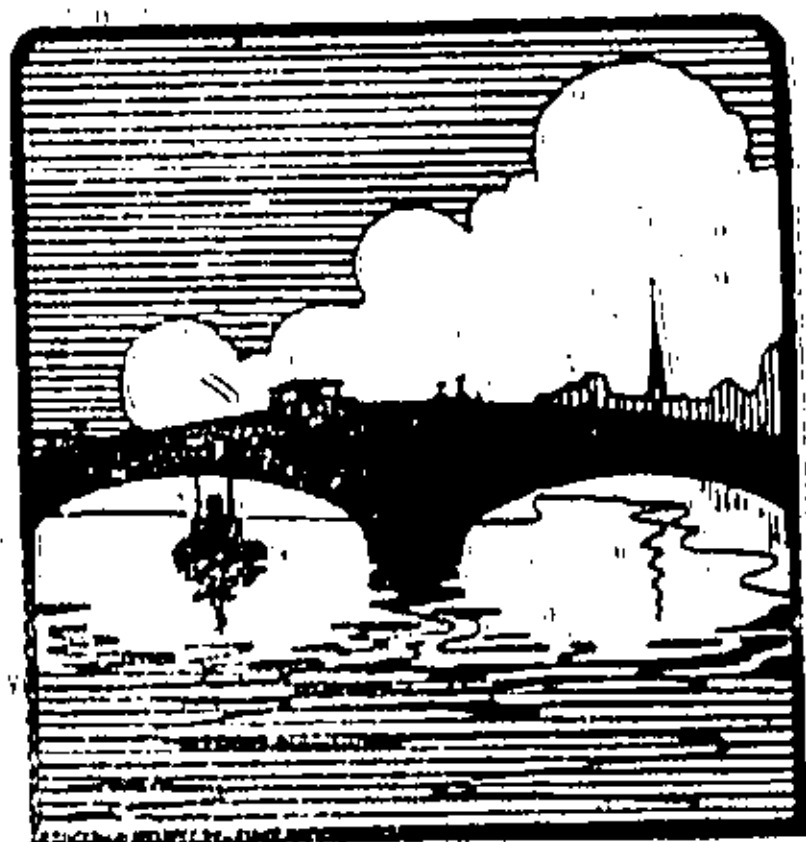
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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

This week's news from China will be eagerly awaited by people at Home whose interest has now been roused to the highest pitch by the announcement of the Home Government with regard to Concessions, Treaties and Tariff.

Also there is this last chapter of Bias Bay piracy, so close to Hong Kong, of the British steamer "Seang Bee."

The "Overland China Mail" also tells how Hong Kong spent China New Year—a sign of the times in that the Chinese are happy and in festive mood in spite of what propagandists may say.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A motor bus full of passengers ran into a verandah pillar at Kowloon City on Wednesday afternoon. The left mud-guard and tyre of the bus were damaged, but no one was hurt.

Kowloon Fire Brigade was called out to No. 17 Reclamation Street at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. The outbreak proved to be small, buckets only being used for its extinction.

Dr. T. T. Ko (professor of economics and sociology), Mr. H. C. Chan, E. E. and Miss Wong Lach-ching of Canton Christian College spent the China New Year holidays in Hong Kong.

A collision, which resulted in slight damage to both vehicles, occurred between a tramcar and a private motor car at the junction of Cleverly Street and Des Voeux Road on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Higgin, of No. 5, Chatham Road, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that during his absence from his room yesterday morning someone stole a \$50 note from a wallet left underneath his pillow. A sum of \$55 also in the wallet at the time was left untouched.

A remarkable record is held by the family of Mrs. S. J. Brown (wife of Major Valentine Brown of the Royal Marines) who died at Havant, Portsmouth, last month. Mrs. Brown's father was also an officer of the Marines, and three generations of her family held medals for the China campaigns. Her father held the first for the China War of 1841, her husband his for the second war in 1859-61, and her second son the third for the war in 1900. Major and Mrs. Brown celebrated their diamond wedding last year.

Mr. Kangchen Koo, who for the past 15 years has been editor of the "Eastern Times," has left Shanghai by the M.M.S. "D'Artagnan" for England to make a study of journalistic institutions in Great Britain. Mr. Koo, in addition to his journalistic work is dean of the Department of Journalism in the Kuo Min University and is the author of several books in Chinese on journalism, these including "The Handbook of Journalism," "A History of Chinese Journalism," etc. He is president of the Chinese Newspapermen's Club and is well known in Shanghai Chinese circles.

No case of notifiable disease was reported during the three days ended on Thursday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended Jan. 22 amounted to 75,750 tons and the sales during the period to 62,620 tons.



Claus of Seale, a twenty-months-old Alsatian dog, was purchased by the Prince of Wales.

Rain fell on only two days last month—according to the gauge at the Botanic Gardens. On the 7th, the fall registered was .08 of an inch .38 inch, fell on the 18th, making a total of .44 (or less than half an inch) for the whole of January, 1927.

A number of spindles reported recently to have been stolen from factories in Waterloo Road have been discovered by detectives. One arrest has been made in connection with the case.

Representatives of the big honks and local trade guilds were present in large numbers at the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon for the annual New Year reception when appropriate greetings were exchanged.

Two bands played yesterday at the interport football match at So Kumpoo between the two Chinese teams of Hong Kong (Southern China) and Shanghai (Eastern China). The bands were supplied by the Chinese Amateur Musical Association and by the Chinese Athletic Association.

At the earnest request of Chinese merchants in Bangkok the system of clubbed packets of mail matter for China will be continued till the end of March. It was, in fact, discontinued on January 1 at the request of Peking, but the Chinese residents require a little more time to prepare themselves for the ordinary methods.

The Ichang correspondent of the "North China Daily News," writing on Jan. 17 says: "The most important news that can be sent from Ichang, in these days of so much excitement further down river, is that this city remains peaceful. The long looked-for demonstration against Britain and Chang Tso-lin came off two days ago, and was a most orderly affair. The whole of the business part of the city was placarded vilifying the British, and during the procession they did their best to inform the inhabitants of the evil deeds of the British, but nothing seems to have come of it all. The boycott and strike ideas seem not to have materialised. It is said that an order forbidding them came from Wuchang. Ichang has been depleted of many of its women folk. Very few British women remain, and for that matter of any other nationality." The order to evacuate British women and children came in the manner of a bombshell in our peaceful community, and for a day or two created much fear as to what was really happening in Hankow.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Teah Ah-fu, a Hong Kong business man, returned to the Colony yesterday from Manila by the s.s. "President Jackson."

Mr. S. H. Phillips, who is joining the British Consulate in Manila, was in Hong Kong yesterday passing through on the "President Taft."

Mr. C. T. Fowle, of the Vacuum Oil Co. returned to the Colony yesterday on the "President Taft," accompanied by Mrs. Fowle and family.

Mr. P. H. Suckling of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., has come down again from Shanghai, arriving yesterday on the "President Taft."

Rear-Admiral W. H. G. Bullard and Mrs. Bullard, of the United States Navy, were in Hong Kong yesterday, passing through on the "President Jackson" from Manila to Shanghai.

After a brief business visit to Shanghai, Mr. Ma Wing-chun (head of the "Sincere" Companies) returned to the Colony by the "d'Artagnan" which also brought Mr. A. M. D'Eca and Mrs. Nolasco.

The Rev. Fathers Musson and G. Schotte left Hong Kong on the "d'Artagnan" for Marseilles. Other outgoing passengers on the same boat were Mr. D. N. Assomul, Lt. J. A. Bond and Captain Valai.

There has died at the family residence in Java Road, Singapore, a scion of one of the oldest and wealthiest Arab families of Singapore, in the person of the second sister of the late Syed Mohamed Alsagoff, and aunt of Syed Omar Alsagoff, the present head of the family. The burial took place the following morning in the family mosque in Java Road. An elder sister, now 90 years of age, survives her.

In succession to the late Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. J. Owen Hughes (formerly Deputy District Grand Master) was last night installed District Grand Master of English Freemasonry in Hong Kong and South China. Mr. J. M. McHutchison (District Senior Grand Master) succeeded Mr. Owen Hughes as Deputy District Grand Master. The ceremony was performed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. G. D. R. Black, District Grand Master, of Scottish Freemasonry in Hong Kong and South China.

Mr. R. L. Masten, of Hong Kong, returned from a business trip to Manila by the s.s. "President Jackson" yesterday.

The death is announced of Lady Denzil Ibbetson, widow of Sir Denzil Ibbetson, K.C.S.I., one time Governor of the Punjab.

Dr. J. D. Castille, a physician of Manila arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "President Jackson." He is on a short visit.

Mr. W. W. Baer, a representative of the Union Oil Company, returned yesterday by the s.s. "President Jackson" from a business trip to Manila.

The Rev. C. B. Shann, warden of the Church Missionary Society hostel at the University (St. John's Hall) returned to the Colony to-day by the P.O. s.s. "Mantua" after spending his leave at Home.

The following promotion appears in the half-yearly list published by the Admiralty on Dec. 31:—Lieutenant-Commander (E.) to Commander E. J. H. H. Villers Sankey, "Tamar," for Hong Kong Yard.

Passengers passing through Hong Kong en route from Shanghai to London on the "Mores" include Eng. Lt. F. E. Yates, the Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Luck, Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Sturt, Captain R. Robertson, Captain W. G. Lalor, Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Price, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Heady, and Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lane for Marseilles.

A letter has been received in Singapore conveying the news that nothing can be done for Inspector Sheridan, who has been in the hands of a specialist in London. He expects to go to the Star and Garter Home. Inspector Sheridan was shot during a raid on gang robbers and lay in the General Hospital with paralysis before being sent to St. Thomas's Hospital for special treatment. He writes very cheerfully.

Among the passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from the United Kingdom and Singapore yesterday were Bishop Welch and Mrs. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ki, Dr. Woo Loy-ling, Major W. P. Croker, Sister M. R. Casswell, Sister E. A. de Lappe, the Rev. T. W. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Sergeant and the following officers of the 2nd Suffolk Regt.:—Major Cutbill, Captain Inskip, Lieutenants Barnardiston, Gardham, Grey, Hopkins, Unwin, Watts, 2nd Lts. Unwin and Wight.

Mr. W. D. Ramani returned by the s.s. "President Jackson" yesterday, from a business trip to Manila.

Mrs. E. Jenkinson, manageress of the Peak Hotel during the past four years, is shortly leaving the Colony on retirement. Mrs. Jenkinson intends settling in California.

Sister Mary de Sales, of the Foreign Sisters of St. Dominica, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. "President Jackson" en route from the Malabon Normal School, Rizal, P.I.

Major and Mrs. H. G. Fitz arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the s.s. "President Jackson." Major Fitz is an officer of the U.S. army. They are on their way to the United States and Europe.

Mr. M. H. O'Malley, a well known business man, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. "President Jackson." He is President of the Philippine Trust Company. His present trip is concerned with business plans.

Mr. H. Stone Seifstein, an American pugilist of New York, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. "President Jackson." He is returning from a residence of ten years in Australia and the Orient and is on a trip to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Leong Hing-kee came back to Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Taft" from the North, which also brought Dr. M. B. Osman and Dr. T. Y. Li, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. D. M. Nissim and Mr. H. L. Houghton of L. A. Dreyfus and Co. of New York.

Thus the "China Express and Telegraph" (London): One of the most interesting honours is the K.C.M.G. awarded to Sir Miles Lampson, our new Minister to China, probably the most brilliant and experienced of the younger school of British diplomats. He has had considerable experience of the Far East, but really came to the front during his period of office at the Foreign Office after the war, where he was in charge of the complicated Central European Department. He was Sir Austen Chamberlain's right-hand man at Locarno. Now he is faced with the task, by no means pleasant, of unravelling the trouble that has engulfed our relationships with the Chinese, and his efforts are being followed with the keenest public interest.

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FILM TALES OF THE MOTHERLAND.

British films which several of the Dominion Prime Ministers saw while travelling in a special car of the night express from Glasgow to London were trade-shown at the New Gallery Cinema, Regent Street, W., in mail week.

Two of the short "Screen Tales of the Motherland" were included. Mr. J. G. Coates, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, when the films were shown in the train, remarked of these that exhibited in New Zealand, they would certainly send half the population rushing back to England.

Lovely photographs of familiar and unfamiliar spots in Yorkshire and Norfolk are linked together with a slight but sufficient story. These films should be of the greatest assistance to the "Come to Britain" movement and cannot but enchant British inhabitants too.

Rather more elaborate was the treatment of the song-film of "Land of Hope and Glory." Prefaced by exquisite and impressive pictures of Britain's forces at sea, in the air, and on land, which evoked instant applause, line by line of the song itself then appeared on the screen, each superimposed on a different photograph of a beautiful and typically British scene.

Pathe Freres are to be congratulated on these fine short films, which might well be shown on board ship by all British steamship lines, and will certainly delight and invigorate cinema audiences at home, throughout the Dominions, and even—at least as regards the "Screen Tales of the Motherland"—in foreign countries.

THE DUTCH MUSICAL?

"I didn't know the Dutch were musical." "No?" I queried. "William J. Henderson says in his History of Music, you know, that they were the founders of the modern school of music."

"The founders? The Dutch?" "Well, who invented the canon in music, and brought counterpoint to perfection, if it was not Okeghem in 1470? Who invented the madrigal form of music, if not the Dutch? You forget that, in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, there was a Netherlands school of music that, for over two hundred years, furnished the world with music and singers and composers. It was two men of this Netherlands school who went to Naples and founded the first musical conservatory—the first, not only in Italy but in the world—and from that institution sprang the Italian school of music. The same was true of Venice, where another member of the Netherlands school started a conservatory. Then came the school of Rome, which is acknowledged to owe its existence to the influence of the Netherlands school. The Dutch were in every way fore-runners of what we to-day call the school of secular music, but which, in those days, was confined to religious purposes. That would prove, would it not, that the Dutch were musical? And that they still are musical is shown by the large number of native Netherlands in American orchestras, and the fact that nine out of ten of the great cellists to-day are of Dutch birth.—Edward W. Bok, in "Twice Thirty."

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SOME STORIES OF "PETER."

BARRIE'S MASTERPIECE.

I don't think Sir James Barrie had formed any particular idea of the character of Smee, when he wrote "Peter Pan," writes George Shelton who has so often played the part of Captain Smee in Barrie's play. Smee was simply a pirate. But during the first rehearsal he said to me:

"I want you to individualise this part, Mr. Shelton."

"Very good," I replied. "I'll make him a Scotchman."

I was going to say "Scotsman," but, remembering in the nick of time that Sir James was of that nationality, I substituted the word "Irishman."

"Ah, yes," came the prompt reply. "He is Irish!"

And so Smee became an Irish pirate. And some years later the author of his being congratulated me upon having established his nationality of my own bat.

But when "Peter Pan" was to be played in Dublin a newspaper man who came to interview some of the members of the company im-



Ernestine Schumann-Heink (left) is shown being congratulated by Geraldine Farrar at a party commemorating the former's fiftieth anniversary as a concert singer.

mediately before production was so indignant about Smee that next morning he wrote in print that there never had been such a thing as an Irish pirate, adding, in characteristic Hibernian fashion, "But if ever there was one, he must have been a Belfast man!"

Battersea Brogue. In view of this very doubtful encouragement, I was naturally astonished to find that my part was quite well received.

"Where did you get that brogue from, man?" someone asked me after the first performance. "It was a perfect Limerick brogue."

"Was it?" said I innocently. "I thought I brought it from Battersea!"

But after the Dublin season was over, I was seeking my supper one night before going on board the boat which was to take us back to England, when I was introduced to another Irishman who was equally anxious to know the source of my brogue. To him I replied, on the spur of the moment: "King's County."

The Irishman was delighted—he was a King's County man himself. But then, my father also was a King's County man!

Secrets of the Play. It was a whimsical idea on the part of Sir James Barrie to provide me, as Smee, with a sewing-machine

MR. C. SIMS R.A.

ROYAL ACADEMY KEEPER RESIGNS.

The publication of the news that Mr. Charles Sims, R.A., has resigned his position as Keeper of the Royal Academy Schools and that his place is temporarily filled by Mr. George Clausen, R.A., will not come as a surprise to many. Indeed, on the occasion of the prize distribution to the Royal Academy students on December 10, Sir Frank Dicksee, P.R.A., referred to this change as an accomplished fact and tactfully congratulated the students on their new mentor.

No reasons have been given for Mr. Sims' decision apart from the fact that he has been in the United States for some months holding a successful exhibition at the Knoedler Gallery, New York, and that he is overwhelmed with commissions for portraits.

It may, however, be safely assumed that his retirement is not altogether disconnected with the controversy on his portrait of the King which he painted for the Royal Academy council room but eventually withdrew owing to the diversity of criticism to which this picture gave rise.

Broad Views.

There may be other reasons, though these must be conjectured. It is generally known that Mr. Sims held very catholic and broad views about modern art—views which cannot have met with the approval of some of the more reactionary members of the Royal Academy.

His influence upon the students tended in the direction of freedom. His prolonged absence may be held responsible for this freedom having degenerated into licence. The exhibition of students' works at Burlington House must have come as a severe shock upon the conservative faction of the Royal Academy. Hardly any of the works sent for competition showed the slightest trace of academic discipline, and no one will blame the president for exhorting the students to try to paint what they see so that they may learn to paint what they feel.

It is unfortunate that thus the champion of progress and vitality in art has placed a formidable weapon in the hands of the die-hards. However, Mr. Clausen may be trusted to steer a middle course, to bring the rebellious students back to wholesome discipline, and, to restore harmony where there has been dissension.

Mr. James Agate, the dramatic critic, contributing to a symposium in the Christmas Number of T.P.'s and Cassell's Weekly, on "If I had one wish—" concludes his first wish with "and not go to the theatre except when I wanted to," his second with "and not go to the theatre unless I chose," and his third with "to have money and not go within ten miles of a theatre."

—M. R.

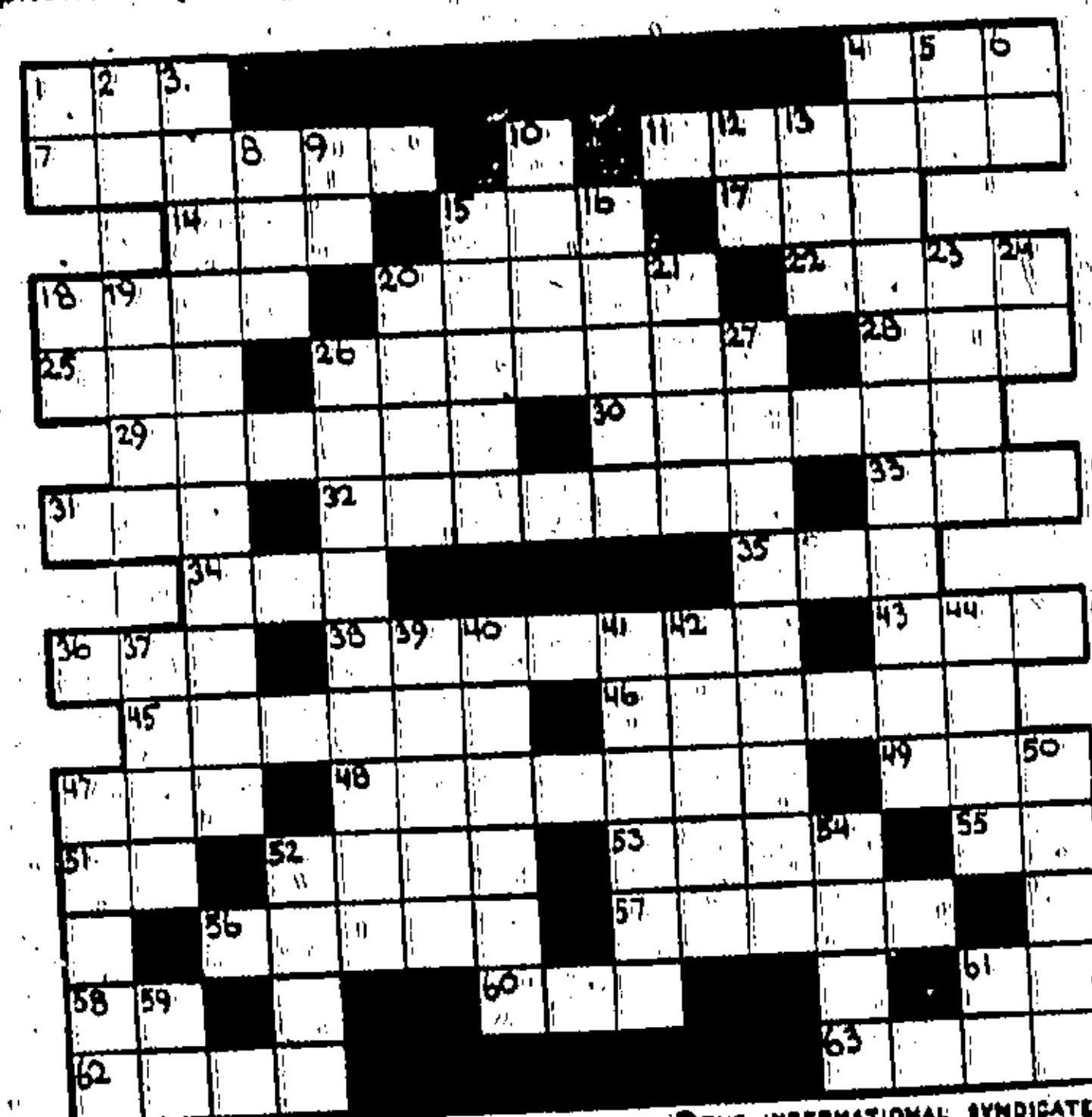
upon which to effect the sartorial repairs of my fellow-pirates. Though, of course, the machine is really but a "prop" to excuse the ancient device of ransoming calico, which spoils Captain Hook's most dramatic moments with fears for the well-being of his own garments.

"Peter Pan" has been re-dressed more times than I can count and entirely new scenery has been provided from time to time; but I have used that self-same sewing-machine through all the twenty Christmas seasons—and there never has been a needle in it yet! It is an old, cumbersome affair, demanding all the strength of two stage hands to lift it about, but easy enough to pedal—and sufficiently imposing to render natural my occasional tearing of strips of calico when a laugh is due to interrupt the grandiloquences of the one-armed Captain.

In recent years we members of the company have seen very little of Sir James Barrie, except at dress rehearsals and on last nights; but in the old days we saw quite a lot of him. Time was when, in his own quaint fashion, he insisted upon treating Peter and Wendy as children and gravely presented them with new half-crowns.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-A metal.
- 4-French for "king".
- 7-Of or belonging to the same age.
- 11-To refuse to accept.
- 14-Watery.
- 15-A native of Japan (short).
- 17-Possesses.
- 18-An African antelope.
- 20-These proclaim the New Year.
- 22-A buffoon (obs.).
- 23-Garden implement.
- 26-To emit a far-reaching sound.
- 28-Lottery.
- 29-Persons to whom money is paid.
- 30-A famous Roman general.
- 31-Prefix. Through.
- 32-Prementent.
- 33-Even if.
- 34-The sun.
- 36-French for "friend".
- 38-Peculiar.
- 39-A pithy saying.
- 40-One of the grains.
- 42-Raved.
- 46-Land surrounded by water.
- 47-To speak.

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48-The state of being inert.
- 49-Fixed in opinion.
- 51-Mercury (chem. sym.).
- 52-A small, round pot (short).
- 53-Hebrew word meaning "pleasure".
- 55-Nickel (chem. sym.).
- 56-Pertaining to punishment.
- 57-An old form of "read".
- 58-Article.
- 60-Borrowful.
- 61-Preposition.
- 62-A diving water-bird.
- 63-Possessive pronoun.

VERTICAL

- 1-Tierce (abbr.).
- 2-Maiden loved by Jupiter.
- 3-A holiday.
- 4-Made on New Year's Day.
- 5-Ocean (abbr.).
- 6-Pronoun.
- 8-To irritate.
- 9-Near.
- 10-L. minor circle.
- 11-To speak.

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Interjection. Questioning.
- 13-A sweet preserve.
- 15-The father of David (Bible).
- 16-Latin for "feather".
- 18-Interjection.
- 19-Heavy cord.
- 20-A drink.
- 21-A jagged or stumpy knot.
- 23-Crush.
- 24-Country of Africa (abbr.).
- 25-The state of complete fullness.
- 27-The realm of dreams.
- 37-To haul.
- 39-Combining form. Five.
- 40-Models.
- 41-A direction in music, slower (abbr.).
- 42-To one side.
- 44-A British seaport in Arabia.
- 47-Shallow.
- 50-Slight alterations.
- 52-Thin.
- 54-Air. "Combining form".
- 55-Negative.
- 61-Conjunction.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

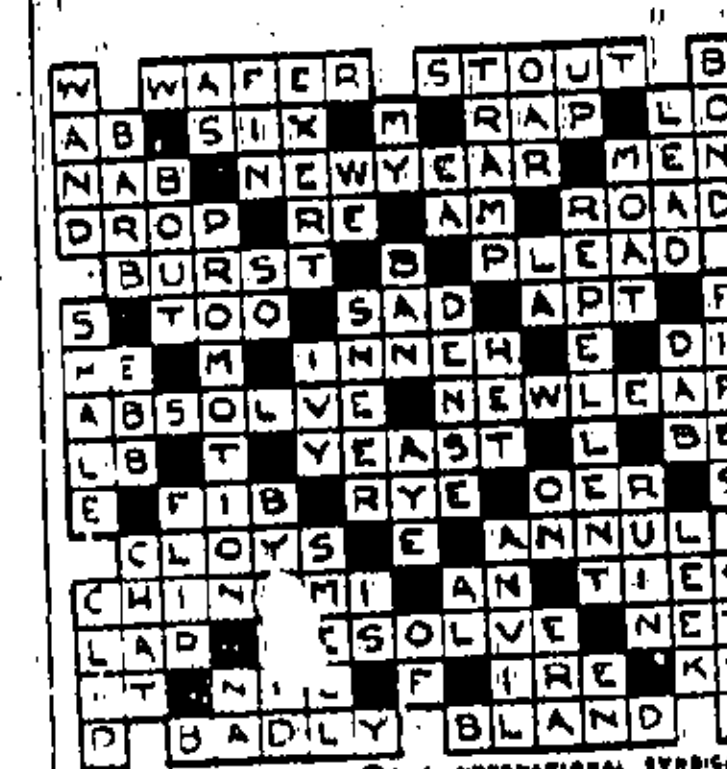
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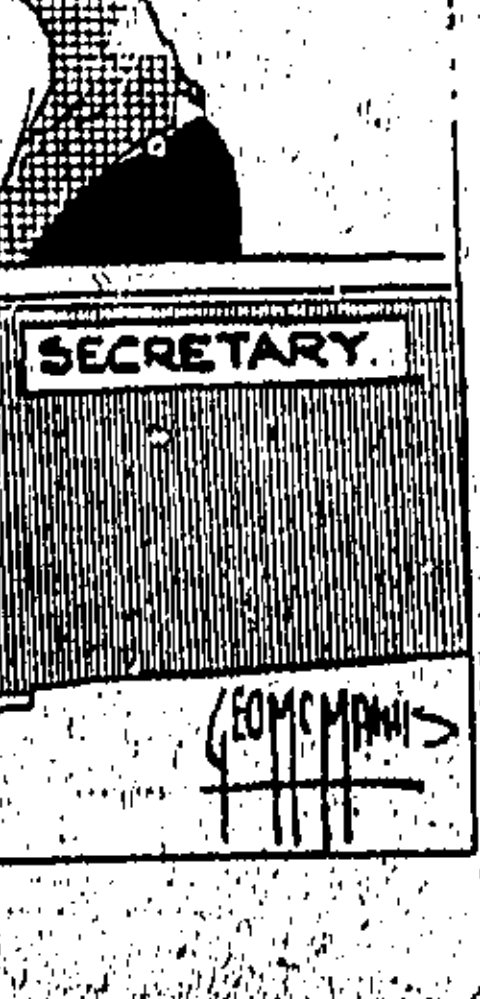
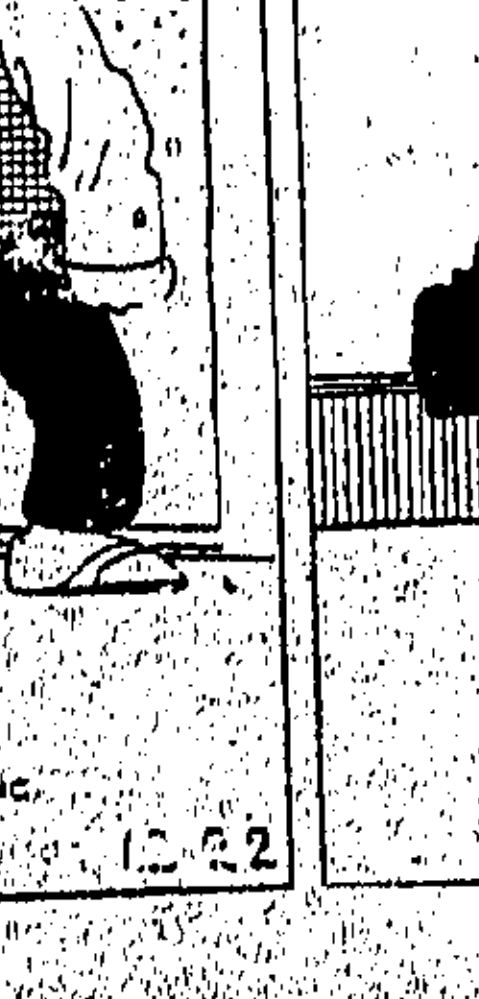
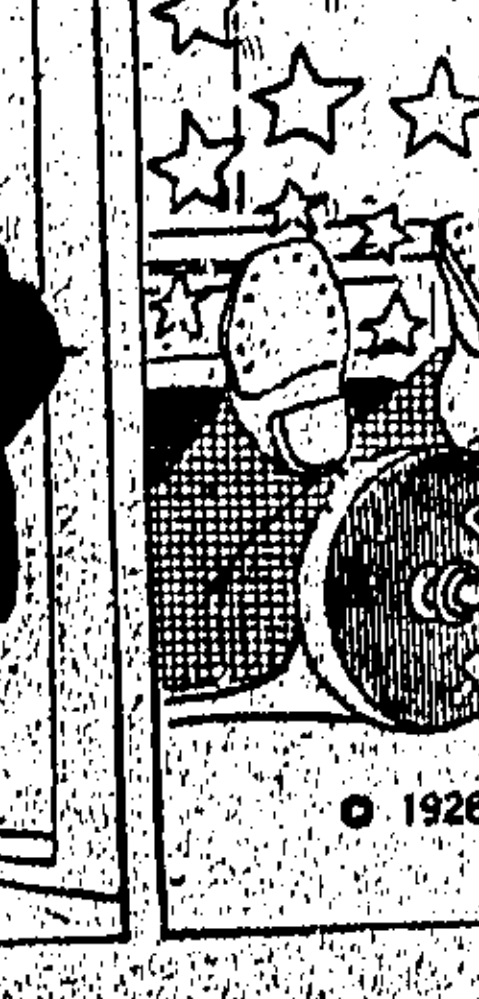
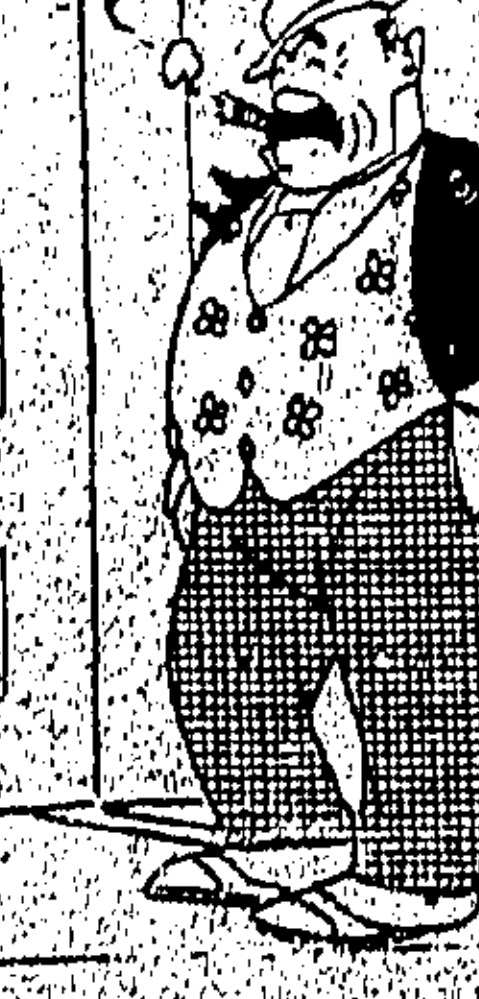
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

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Cambridge University Rugby team defeated Mr. J. E. Greenwood's XV by 23 points to 14, and the Oxford University side were successful against Edinburgh Academicals.

Signor Mussolini proposes to tax all bachelors between the ages of 25 and 65 years, and to devote the revenue, estimated at 100,000,000 lire, to the maintenance of mothers and children who have no natural protectors.

A bill, backed by the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Lloyd George, and Mr. Gosling (Lab.-Sec.), was brought in to confer powers on the Imperial War Graves Commission with respect to the erection of a memorial to the officers and men of the Mercantile Marine who perished in the war.

Whatever decision might be reached with regard to the sums due to Great Britain and America, M. Poincaré informed the Chamber of Deputies, France was in a position to meet this year's payments. In order not to favour speculation, he declined to give any indication as to when and at what rate he proposed to stabilise the franc.

Loyal and punctual Reparation payments by Germany during the second annuity year to Aug. 31, 1926, are reported by Mr. S. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparation Payments. All possible arrangements, it is stated, have been made for facilitating the monthly payments on account of the third annuity, which are being currently made in accordance with expectations.

Moving the second reading of the Sale of Food (Weights and Measures) Bill, Sir P. Cunliffe-Lister said that there was an enormous volume of evidence from local authorities and the inspectors of weights and measures proving the need for further protection for the public. What it was sought to do was not to make any novel or revolutionary change, but to standardise in the common and essential articles of food what was the established practice of sound traders throughout the country. Congratulating the Minister upon having surmounted so many difficulties, Mr. S. Webb (Lab.-Sec.) expressed a hope that no attempt would be made to obstruct the bill, which was read a second time without a division.

Cyclax, favourite for the Leicester Hurdle Handicap, was beaten by two lengths by the outsider, Cyzara.

Newcastle United, who defeated West Ham United, have taken the lead in the First Division of the Football League.

Judgment was given against Lord Cheylesmore in his claim arising out of his wife's divorce petition, that he had acquired a Canadian domicile.

According to an Oslo message, the National Council of Trade Unions, which has hitherto been outside all the international federations, has decided to adhere to the Amsterdam International, since this will enable it to realise its plans for Scandinavian co-operation with other trades unions.

A full inquiry, the General-Purposes Committee of the London County Council recommends, should be held as to the measures which can be taken to lessen the appalling loss of life and limb due to street accidents. More street refugees appear to be necessary in the opinion of the Committee, which advocates an investigation into the need for retention of speed limits in urban areas. Closer and more effective control by the police, it is urged, should be secured to diminish not only cases of dangerous and negligent driving, but the inconsiderate use of the streets by drivers of motor vehicles.

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Lady Lucy S. Sheard, Lauderdale-mansions, Malda-vale, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court on the ground of misconduct by her husband, Sir Samuel George Sheard.

Unemployment is rising in France. Several thousand men have been discharged in Paris. So far the pottery, textile, silk, and motor-car industries have been principally affected.

After a sharp fight with revolution, Chicago policemen overcame by the use of tear-gas bombs the resistance of a gang of foreign railway workers, who had taken up quarters in goods wagons.

Kenneth Subart, a Stoke Newington youth of 17, prevented six motor bandits from carrying off property worth more than £500 which had been removed from the premises of a pyjama manufacturer. Jumping on to the footboard, he held the steering-wheel until the van ran into a wall.

Defending the tariff duties, President Coolidge in his address to Congress said that the United States admitted a greater volume of free imports than any other country, except Great Britain. There did not seem to be a very large field within the area of imports in which it was probable that reductions of the tariffs would be advantageous to foreign goods.

While so many industries have been prospering in the United States the output of low-priced motor-cars has fallen, owing to the greater ability of the public to buy more expensive cars. A considerable number of the men at the Ford factories at Detroit, Michigan, are working less than the five-day week, with a proportionate decrease in wages.

Given a period of peace in industry, Lieut.-Colonel Alfred Hocking, secretary of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said at a Royal Colonial Institute luncheon, British motor manufacturer would recover the place in the markets of the world which they would never have lost but for the tragedy of the war. Some evolution in coping with American competition would be seen, he believed, in the next twelve months either by amalgamation of competitive interests in Britain or by the formation of some type of export pool.

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(Continued from Page 1.)

SHANGHAI DEFENCE.

Men of War in the Harbour.

Carlisle	British
Enterprise	British
Petersfield	British
Scarab	British
Vindictive	British
Asheville	American
Edsall	American
McCormick	American
Pittsburgh	American
Sacramento	American
Alerte	French
Jules Michelet	French
La Grandiere	French
Erm. Carlotto	Italian
Libia	Italian
Ataka	Japanese
Hinoki	Japanese
Kashi	Japanese
Momo	Japanese
Yanagi	Japanese
Tone	Japanese

ENTERTAINING THE TROOPS.

A Singapore Committee Formed.

Singapore, Jan. 28.
A committee has been formed to take up the matter of entertaining troops passing through Singapore en route for China. A meeting will be held on Monday to make preliminary arrangements and to arrange for the collection of subscriptions.

The provisional members of the committee are:—Major Stoehr (the General's nominee), Mr. H. C. Atkin-Berry, Mr. F. M. Toscani, Mr. F. R. Heron, the Rev. G. H. Douglas, the Rev. S. Y. Semple, Mr. R. R. Robertson, Capt. Congdon, R.M., Sardar Bai Want Singh and Mr. J. W. Harries, who is acting as honorary secretary.

OFFER STILL GOOD.

Another Cabinet Meeting.

Rugby, Feb. 3.
The situation in China, which was considered at a meeting by the Cabinet yesterday, will, it is understood, be further reviewed at a meeting to-day. No developments have occurred to modify the broad and liberal policy which the Government have laid down, and although disappointment is expressed that the signature of the agreement for a temporary settlement of the status of the Concessions at Hankow and Kiang is still unsigned, this incident has not deflected the British Government from its main purpose.

The British offer, which was announced with precision in a statement published last night, still holds good if and when a competent Chinese authority is found to take advantage of it on behalf of the Chinese nation as a whole.

News of the statement was largely anticipated in Sir Austen Chamberlain's week-end speech.

Knew All The Time.
In view of Mr. Chen's subsequent refusal to sign the draft agreement regarding the Concessions, the announcement that the proposal had at that time already been presented to him has caused surprise in the Press.

The "Times" says: "All that could possibly be regarded as fair, equitable and practicable in the interests of China, as well as of Great Britain, has been offered in the proposals. Mr. Chen having been informed of those proposals on January 27, agreed last week-end to discuss with Mr. O'Malley the position of the Hankow and Kiang Concessions. He was perfectly aware that military precautions for the defence of lives and property at Shanghai had been taken. Negotiations proceeded actively over the week-end, and an agreement was drafted and was ready for signature on January 28. Finally, after repeated postponements, Mr. Chen declared that he could not sign because British troops were being sent to Shanghai, a fact that he said he had known all the time he was drafting the agreement."

The alarm expressed by Mr. Chen at the despatch of troops has been answered in the number of Ministerial pronouncements during the past three weeks.

Troops are being sent with the sole purpose to defend the lives and property of British nationals, should they be threatened.—British Wireless Service.

"Edifying Competition."
London, Feb. 3.

While no official information is yet obtainable with regard to the Cabinet discussions on China yesterday, the newspapers agree in the belief that British policy is unchanged.

There is no confirmation of the New York report that the Shanghai Defence Force may be diverted to Hong Kong and Weihaiwei.

The Press is almost solidly behind the Government.

The "Times" in an editorial says that the Government's policy is excellent. There is no occasion for them to relinquish the task of negotiation or protection.

The "Daily Telegraph" attributes Mr. Chen's sudden and belated demand for the recall of the British troops to a desire to counter the activities to Peking, and says that both parties to this edifying competition may rest assured that neither will be in a position to claim that its action has caused the British Government to depart from its declared intentions.

Britain and Russia.

The "Morning Post" says that Mr. Chen, by suspending negotiations, was trying to force the British Government to stop its concentration, which is one of several signs that the policy of concentration is sound. It will be found to be the most powerful argument and the most helpful factor in the pursuit of peace. The "Post" urges the severance of Anglo-Russian relations as a reply to the Russian attack on China.

The "Daily Chronicle" says that the British proposals to China are liberal and far-reaching. The hitch at Hankow is not necessarily fatal, but must be seriously considered. It is a case for compromise and for time.

The "Westminster Gazette" says that Mr. Chen has not made things easy for us. He cannot expect us to withdraw under threats, but if he will show us that his Government is willing and able to protect the foreign Concessions in Shanghai we certainly shall not desire to take that work out of his hands, or make any show of force that may be superfluous.

The "Daily News" suggests that the British troops should be withheld if in the meantime a document is drawn up by Mr. O'Malley and formally signed: or the troops should be landed not at Shanghai but at the nearest convenient port pending negotiations, provided a definite guarantee is given that the Cantonese will not advance upon Shanghai, beyond an agreed line at a safe distance from the town.

The "Daily Herald" says that the British Government should call a halt in military preparations. Then they will secure peace with honour.—Reuter.

Mr. Chen And Labour.

London, Feb. 3.

The Independent Labour Party has received a long cable from Mr. Chen enclosing a copy of his statement to Mr. O'Malley breaking off negotiations at Hankow.

Mr. Chen's cable, which is a reply to cables from the National Joint Labour Council, British Labour Council for Chinese Freedom, and I.L.P., assures them of the desire of his government to negotiate a peaceful settlement, relying on British Labour to assist in controlling the adventurous elements of the British Government.—Reuter.

Forces on the Move.

Singapore, Feb. 3.

The first cruiser squadron and the Durham's 2nd Battalion left here to-day for Shanghai.—Reuter.

New York, Feb. 3.

The Military authorities have called for ex-Service men or "especially promising recruits" to volunteer for service in China with the American forces at Tientsin.—Reuter's American Service.

Marines on the Way.

Manila, Feb. 3.

The American marine detachment arriving here by the "Gold Star" from Guam on Friday is leaving on the same day for Shanghai in the U.S.S. "Pecos". The number is not stated but is presumably 300.—Reuter.

CHINA WAR.

Situation In Chekiang Obscure.

NATIONALIST COUP?

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

The military situation in Chekiang is somewhat obscure. There have been persistent reports during the past few days that Sun Chuan-fang's forces sustained a defeat south of Hangchow, but these reports are not believed to be authoritative in foreign quarters here, and are stoutly denied by Sun Chuan-fang's headquarters.

They probably are based on the fact that a couple of days ago Sun Chuan-fang's forces retreated from Lanchi and are now probably no further forward than Yenchow, on the Tsientang river. This is not admitted by Sun Chuan-fang's headquarters but it is believed to be true. It does not of course constitute a reverse.

The reason for drawing in Sun Chuan-fang's lines is not clear but foreign military experts here think it is due to the arrival of southern reinforcements, possibly Hunanese troops at Chuchow on the western border of Chekiang.

Several reports are current to the effect that the Southerners intend making a drive on Shanghai so that the city may be occupied before the British troops arrive.—Reuter.

BACK TO VISAS.

FRANCE TO BAR FOREIGN WORKERS.

Rugby, Feb. 3.
The British Government is in communication with the French Government regarding the latter's intention to re-establish provisionally a visa for passports of foreigners entering France.

The object of the French Government is to prevent the inflow of foreign workers in view of the present unemployment in France. Anglo-French conversations on the subject are not yet concluded.—British Wireless Service.

"OUR JOE."

A STATUE OF SIR AUSTEN'S FATHER.

Rugby, Feb. 3.
Immediately after the opening of Parliament an interesting ceremony will take place in the inner lobby of the House of Commons. Lord Balfour will unveil a statue of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the famous father of Sir Austen Chamberlain.—British Wireless Service.

FLYING HOME.

Rugby, Feb. 3.
Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary for Air and Lady Maud Hoare are now flying home from India. They left Karachi this morning and were to reach Jask this evening.—British Wireless Service.

NOTICES.

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